LASSETER
FAMILY WINERY

2008

PAYSAGE

42% Merlot	30% Cabernet Sauvignon	23% Malbec	5% Cabernet Franc
Clone 181	*Clone 15 & 337*	*Clone 595*	*Clone 214*

BOTTLED JULY 2010 • 308 CASES PRODUCED

Alc: 14.8%	pH: 3.77	TA: 5.5 g/L

SONOMA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

Winemaking is an art form to us…from the vineyard to the glass and this philosophy inspired the name Paysage, a French word meaning 'landscape painting' or 'countryside', evoking fond memories of St. Emillion's beautiful terrain and scenery and the blended wines made there. As our inaugural wine, it signifies the inspiration for Lasseter Family Winery. To us, this wine represents a painting of estate grapes nurtured on a rocky bench in the heart of Sonoma Valley and epitomizes how the family views different elements blended into a plein air painting, or in this case blended into a Bordeaux style wine. With intricate brushstrokes and meticulous blending, we crafted this wine along with our winemaker, Julia Iantosca, to reflect the French style of winemaking. With Merlot as the lead variety, this wine is soft and approachable; its savory, ripe plum flavors are enhanced by 18 months of French oak aging. Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec give this composition full-bodied complexity that pairs artfully with food, especially when enjoyed with good company in beautiful settings.

JUSTI CREEK VINEYARDS

This estate property in Sonoma Valley is rich in historical significance, encompassing organically farmed vineyards and an eco-friendly winery. Justi Creek Vineyards, part of the stunning 95-acre ranch in Sonoma Valley on the outskirts of Glen Ellen, is a collection of three adjacent parcels of land, which were acquired by the Lasseter family in 2000, 2002 and 2009. The Lasseters embarked on an environmentally sensitive upgrading for their property, lovingly restoring the natural habitat and converting the vineyards exclusively to organic farming practices. The pond was completely revitalized; bee hives and an insectory were installed in order to provide a home for beneficial insects. Today, the land is alive again and the certified organic vineyards are flourishing, nurtured back to an optimal expression of this historical winegrowing area. The red Bordeaux varietals of Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc are grown on the seventeen-acre Upper Justi Block on benchland above the valley floor, west of Calabasas Creek. From these vines comes the exceptional fruit that is blended to create our flagship wine, Paysage. Exhibiting great depth and true varietal character, we carefully blend these varietals to craft a smooth and luscious wine.

Winemaker: Julia Iantosca

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