

2008 CASA PIENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE, YOUNTVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

The third crop is the charm. We've been saying it now for a few years emphasizing the growing pains associated with a young vineyard. The first two years can be kind of a mixed bag with both wines being solid but ever changing in barrel and bottle. With this third year, the 2008, we saw good stability of color and flavor and a wine that got steadily better as it aged. Coming from a vintage that still unjustly sits in the afterglow of 2007, the 2008 Casa Piena will surprise a lot of people both as a wine that surpasses anything we've ever done before and as the beginning of a high-quality trajectory for this young estate vineyard.