2008 SUENDERO

_Suen-de-ro_ (swen-dé-ro) n. derived from “Sueño Sendero” or the “Dream Path”

Suendero is a Meritage bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. The name Suendero celebrates the wine’s origins amid the magical terrain of Adelaida Springs Ranch in the rugged coastal mountains west of Paso Robles. Here, at an elevation of 1,700 feet and just 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean, the ranch’s small vineyard is planted in calcareous soils, the result of uplifted ancient sea beds. These hillside soils, combined with reliable marine breezes, enable us to craft a nuanced wine that mirrors the evenness and elegance of a modern style blend.

**TASTING NOTES**

*Color:* Dark garnet

*Aroma:* Spicy cedar with integrated notes of black fruit and vanilla bean

*Taste:* An elegant wine with sweet tannins and hints of black cherries; very long finish.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Serve at: 62° – 65°F

Enjoy now through 2018

Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65°F

Decant two hours prior to serving

Pairing suggestions: Beef Wellington, lamb or duck

**TECHNICAL NOTES**

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*Aging:* 16 months in new French oak barrels

*Bottling date:* 03.09.10

*Release Date:* 11.25.11

*Cases produced:* 433

*Alcohol:* 15.5%

*pH:* 3.46

*Total Acidity:* 7.0 g/L

*This is an inviting and complex wine that will prove rewarding for many years.*