**Winemaker’s Tasting Notes**

***Scot Covington – Winemaker***

**Trione 2007 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon**

Our Block 21 Cabernet is a single vineyard selection from the Trione Cloverdale Ranch, situated on the western flank of the Mayacamas Mountains, in the northern portion of Alexander Valley. The vines, planted in 2001 with Bordeaux clone 337, grow in clay and sandy loam soils underlain with a high percentage of gravel. Cabernet Sauvignon grown in this ideal *terroir* develops deep, concentrated flavors and fine, smooth tannins.

**Cases produced:** 733

**Suggested California** **retail price $64**

**Winemaking:** We made this classic Bordeaux blend with 10% Merlot from our Geyserville ranch and 2.5% each Petite Verdot and Malbec, both from Cloverdale. After a long, mild growing season, we harvested the grapes by hand and fermented each variety separately, then barrel aged the wine for twelve months. Once we determined our blend, we returned the wine to barrel and aged it an additional twelve months to ‘marry’ the varietals. We used French oak barrels (45% new) from coopers *Taransaud, Vicard and Bossuet.*

**Winemaker Notes:**

Complex, rich aromas foretell rich flavors of black currants, allspice and a hint of clove. The wine is full bodied, with velvety texture, smooth tannins and an extensive finish. Beautifully balanced, this Cabernet will age for ten more years.