

HIGH QUALITY GRAPES INTO HIGH QUALITY WINE

Located in a favorable part of the Lake Michigan Shore Viticultural Area, our vineyards are situated on one of the highest elevations in Berrien County. The elevation and the prevailing breezes from nearby Lake Michigan make it a relatively frost-free site for three seasons. This large body of water moderates our climate, which allows us to ripen many varieties of grapes. Our sandy gravel loam soils are among the best for horticulture, helping us to produce high quality red and white wines.

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2008 CROWN OF CAB LAKE MICHIGAN SHORE RED WINE

40% Cabernet Sauvignon
29% Cabernet Franc
20% Merlot
8% Petit Verdot
3% Malbec

The crown jewel of our cellar
aged in oak barrels for 24 months.

Table Wine
Contains Sulfites

GOVERNMENT WARNING:

(1) ACCORDING TO THE
SURGEON GENERAL,
WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE
OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS.
(2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR
ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR
OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY
CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

ESTATE BOTTLED
BY
DOMAINE BERRIEN CELLARS
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

ESTATE VINEYARDS:	Abigail's Vineyard –40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Cabernet Franc, 20% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot, and 3% Malbec.
CLONES:	Misc. Bourdeaux clones.
APPELLATION:	Lake Michigan Shore AVA
HARVEST:	October 31, 2008 @ 21.6 brix
FERMENTATION:	Cool fermentation using ICV-D254 yeast in stainless-steel vats with hand punch-downs twice daily, followed by malo-lactic fermentation. Pressed after 16 days.
AGING:	Aged 24 months in 100% French oak (25% new). Bottle aged 9 months prior to release.
BOTTLING:	January 7, 2011
CHEMISTRY @ BOTTLING:	12.3% alcohol, 3.51 pH, 0.61 TA
CASES PRODUCED:	315
WINEMAKER:	Wally Maurer
RETAIL PRICE:	\$19.50
WINEMAKER'S NOTES:	<p>The 2008 vintage has a deep rich color with cherry and berry flavors. Nice oak integration from 24 months of aging, with a smooth, lingering finish. Very soft, round mouthfeel.</p> <p>Bronze Medal – American Wine Society 2011 Silver Medal – Jefferson Cup Invitational 2011</p>