

LINNAEA

Linnaea Rhizotomi Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

The Producer: Linnaea Vineyards

Stemming from the middle name of our daughter, Linnaea Vineyards is the personal wine label of husband and wife team Michelle Edwards and Daniel Fischl. Michelle has spent more than 15 years making wine for cult and boutique wineries in Australia, Italy, France, Washington and California, while Daniel has spent over 15 years researching grapes and as viticultural consultant in Victoria, Italy, Israel as well as on many of California's great cult wine estates. We will focus on producing small batches of intelligent wines from some of the world's most interesting wine regions. Current release wines include this Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, and a Moscato D'Asti. Nascent projects include a Barolo from Piedmont, Italy and both red and white wines from Victoria, Australia. This is our first release.

The Name: Linnaea Rhizotomi

Wine names are based upon the Linnaean Binomial System of genus (Linnaea) + species (Rhizotomi), created by naturalist and innovator Carl Linnaeus. The rhizotomi were the forefathers of chemists and medics. They had intimate knowledge of the plants, when to collect, the seasons, their medicinal effects and so on, eventually corralling their missives into their own private herbaria. This wine pays respect to the source of our fruit: the personal vineyards of doctors, true modern day rhizotomi.

The Wine: Linnaea Rhizotomi Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

This Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon represents the anatomy of a mountain. Sourced from three vineyards, this wine is fashioned from grapes grown on a rocky knoll at the top of Howell Mountain, a broad shelf of volcanic detritus halfway up, and an ashy deposit at the foot of Howell Mountain.

Grapes were hand harvested and hand sorted on September 22nd 2008. Native fermentation. Aged 18 months in 63% new French oak.

Blend 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petite Verdot. 158 cases produced. \$55 retail.