

VINTAGE
2009

APPELLATION
100% Russian River Valley

BLEND
100% Black Muscat



TASTING NOTES

The 2009 Ferrari-Carano Eldorado Noir is a truly unique dessert wine, made from Black Muscat grapes grown in a single Russian River Valley vineyard. This wine has a beautifully dark, viscous purple color, with bright rose petal, blueberry and strawberry aromas with flavors that delight the palate. Nicely balanced with sweetness, the Eldorado Noir is intensely aromatic.

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Grown in the Russian River Valley, the Black Muscat grapes ripen slowly in the cool, foggy climate, reaching their full flavor maturity much later than other varieties of grapes. A dry, late winter and early spring was followed by a long, cool summer. While we experienced no major heat spikes, the remnants of an unusual typhoon from Japan brought tropical moisture in the form of up to six inches of rain on October 12th and 13th. We picked the Black Muscat grapes just prior to the rains. Though harvest was a few weeks earlier than usual, the exotic flavors of the Black Muscat had accumulated enough to achieve the signature berry and floral characteristics of our Eldorado Noir.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The grapes for this wine are left on the vine longer than other varieties in order to achieve a "late harvest" style, shriveling the ultra-ripe berries to 29 to 30 brix. The grapes undergo carbonic maceration for five to seven days, which helps the wine achieve the unique and rich concentration of flavors. Grapes are then removed from the carbonic tank, crushed and cold fermented to retain their freshness and fruitiness. The fermented Black Muscat grapes are then pressed and aged in stainless steel barrels. The resulting wine is rich, aromatic, and mouth filling with a lingering finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2009 Eldorado Noir is exceptional paired with rich, decadent chocolate desserts, as well as vanilla bean ice cream or bread pudding with plum or persimmons. Fruit-based tarts, shortcakes, fruitcakes, pumpkin pie, pecan pie or baked apples also pair nicely with the Eldorado Noir.

WINE INFORMATION

Bottled:	March 2010
Released:	June 2010
Alcohol:	11%
pH:	3.80
TA:	0.61
RS:	13%

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