

2009 DELICIAS, ZINFANDEL DESSERT WINE  
*napa valley*

In 1983, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That longstanding commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINEYARD

Peju's Rutherford Estate is a California Certified Organic vineyard, and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The winery's two additional properties, located in Pope Valley and Calistoga, are both Certified Sustainable vineyards. At Persephone Ranch in Pope Valley, the climate is suited to grow Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, as well as Zinfandel, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot are grown on the Wappo Vineyard in Calistoga. Drawing from such varied terroir, the wines exhibit the perfect blend of mountain-fruit focus and Rutherford complexity.

VINTAGE

The 2009 growing season was an exercise in patience as we entered our third drought year. The dry and mild weather, however, resulted in slow, steady fruit maturation and a perfect ripening scenario for harvest. Scarce frost in the spring and fewer than average days of high heat in the summer, combined with rains that were scarce but well-timed gave Winemaker Sara Fowler growing conditions to celebrate.

TASTING

The nose hints at toffee and cherry liqueur, and each sip reveals caramel, milk chocolate, and dark cherry flavors. This wine is decadent and luxurious enough to enjoy as dessert on its own, but it would pair wonderfully with a variety of chocolate or salty confections.

APPELLATION  
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VINEYARD  
*persephone*

COMPOSITION  
*90% zinfandel, 8% brandy,  
2% syrah*

COOPERAGE  
*100% Neutral French Oak*

AGING  
*36 months*

ALCOHOL  
*17.9%*

TA  
*6.9 g/l*

PH  
*3.51*

HARVEST DATE  
*october 2009*

BOTTLING DATE  
*june 2011*

RELEASE DATE  
*decemember 2012*

CELLARING  
*enjoy now through 2026*

SRP  
*\$55*