



## **Labyrinth HAKA Freebird 2008**

It has been well documented that Paso Robles is big red wine country. Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel are standout varieties, but blended reds are now being recognized as a specialist item. HAKA Freebird 2008 is a predominant blend of Merlot and Tempranillo with components of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Verdot. "Suave Bordeaux boy meets fiery passionate Rioja girl."

### **The Vineyard**

French Camp Vineyard, Pleasant Ridge Vineyards, Paso Robles, California

### **Vintage**

Warm to hot. Early frosts in October hastened the harvest. The key is to pick fully ripe fruit while retaining clean, fresh varietal flavours, but minimizing desiccated, prune-like characters.

### **Harvest**

All fruit was handpicked between 06 September and 17 October 2009. Alc. 14.5%.

### **Fermentation**

100% destemmed  
Average 3 day cold soak in 1 ton fermenters  
Initial wild ferment  
Average 3 day post soak

### **Composition**

50% Merlot  
40% Tempranillo  
5% Petite Verdot  
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

### **Cooperage**

13 months in 10% New American oak and seasoned French Oak