2009 Eight Arms: The Tentacle

North Coast, California

Varietal: 91% Syrah, 9% Grenache

Appellation: North Coast, California

Date of Harvest: September–October, 2009

Cases Produced: 978

Vineyard: The grapes for The Tentacle were organically or sustainably grown with yields kept to a minimum and harvested for maximum flavor and ripeness. The Syrah is from Haven's Vineyard, in the Carneros appellation of Napa Valley, Bells Echo Vineyard, west of Hopland in Mendocino County, and Furlong Estates Vineyard in the Alexander Valley. The Grenache is from the Fore Family Vineyard on Cobb Mountain in the Red Hills appellation of Lake County.

Winemaking: The grape bunches were hand-sorted and destemmed into stainless-steel tanks where they were left to cold soak for a short period of time. The must was innoculated with yeast and pumped over as needed throughout fermentation. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was pressed off its skins and underwent a secondary malolactic fermentation.

Ageing: The wine was aged for 16 months.

Tasting Notes: This one really wraps it's arms around you! It's big and juicy with bright fruit flavors, a spicy palate and a dollop of vanilla on the finish. This Syrah is best enjoyed with a hearty meal. Beware! Once you are caught in the tentacles of this wonderfully delicious Syrah, you may have trouble pulling yourself away.

Cellaring: Enjoy now and over the next 3–5 years.

Price: $17.00 (750ml Bottle)

Eight Arms is handcrafted, lovingly tended, and produced from vineyards that allow grapes to embody all of their wonderful characteristics. Making great wine requires the skill of an artisan, a craftsman, an alchemist and a technician. If you are interested in wine that is different from vintage to vintage, vineyard to vineyard, and that will surprise you and induce you to contemplate the mysteries of life, then let the Octopus grab hold and try Eight Arms Wine.

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