

STAR LANE

VINEYARD

Astral

In 2005 we arrived at the concept of Astral after recognizing the exceptional quality of the hillside plantings near the top of the Star Lane Vineyard. These hillside blocks produce very low yields which create wines of considerable intensity and structure. Astral is comprised of the most extraordinary components from the vineyard in each vintage.

Vintage:

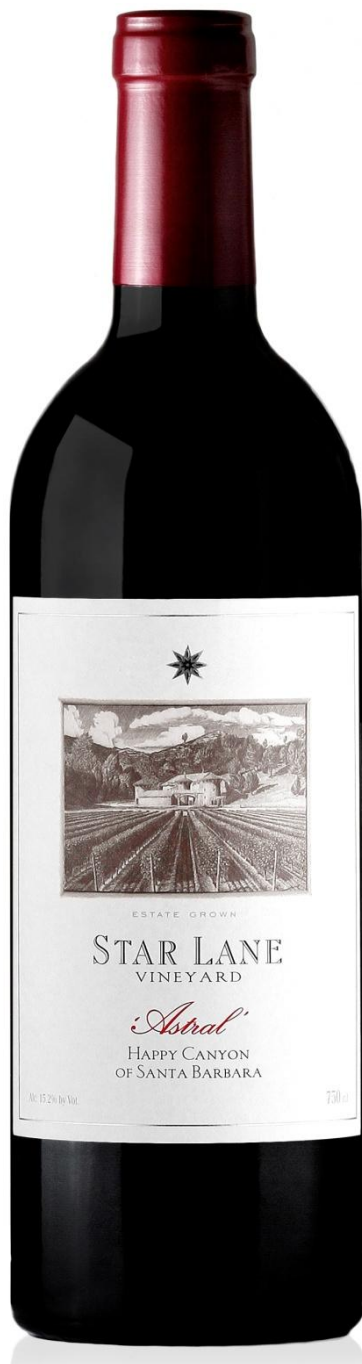
The weather for 2009 was normal, avoiding extremes and adverse conditions. Little rain from May to September with cool temperatures throughout the summer led to moderate vine vigor and above average fruit yields. Heat late in the season provided good “finishing” weather, producing good concentration of flavors and texture.

Winemaker Notes:

2009 is a structured vintage not because we observed more tannin per se, but because the acidity was highlighted due to climatic characters. This created a suppleness that required harnessing and as a result we were more gentle and shorter with our macerations in order to highlight Star Lane’s structure and pair it with the vintage’s suppleness. Otherwise the great finishing weather left us with easy sorting and tremendous fruit quality from our best blocks.

Tasting Notes:

While more subtle in aromatic expression than some vintages, the wine still shows classic blackberry, chocolate, and ripe plum characters. The mouth feel reflects the vintage’s suppleness and structure, needing a bit of time to show its silkier and smooth side. The flavors of dark fruit and sweet spices bring the wine to a lovely long finish. We believe this wine is built to last and expect to hold some back for our own enjoyment in the years to come.



Wine Statistics

Vintage:	2009
Varietals:	Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA:	Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara
Vineyard:	Star Lane
Harvested:	Oct 2009
Time on Skins:	over 21 days
Alcohol:	15.2%
Barrel Aged:	19 months
Oak:	100% new French Oak
Bottled:	June 2011
Cellar Life:	18-25 years
Suggested Retail Price:	\$80

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