

FRANCINE'S PICKS
WINE OF THE MONTH December 2011
ONLY \$22
Genuine Risk red blend 2008
Santa Ynez Valley

40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 26% Petit Verdot

The 2008 Genuine Risk comes from a single vineyard (the same as the 2006 and 2007) in the Santa Ynez Valley of Santa Barbara County. "Genuine Risk" was the 1980 Kentucky Derby winning horse who was raised nearby in Santa Ynez Valley.

The vineyard is planted at a high density (2,500 vines per acre) on a combination of sand, clay and limestone. After fermentation the wine is aged for 18 months in French oak barrel, one-third of which are new and bottled without fining or filtration. 2008 was a long cool growing season that was rewarded with wonderful warm weather in September and right before harvest in mid-October. The wine was bottled on August of 2010 and drinks well now and over the next 5 years. The 2008 has dark fruit and cassis flavors, good concentration and good length.