

2008 CONTINUUM

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from
Napa, North Coast, California, USA

SOURCE	REVIEWER	RATING	MATURITY	CURRENT (RELEASE) COST
Wine Advocate #198 Dec. 2011	Antonio Galloni	96	Drink: 2013 - 2018	\$135-185 (150)



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The 2008 Continuum is a striking wine endowed with gorgeous aromatics, expressive fruit and flat-out great balance. Espresso, grilled herbs, licorice and violets add complexity to the super-ripe black fruit. Despite the wine's textural richness and opulence, there is plenty of underlying structure. This is a totally captivating wine. I can't wait to taste it in another 5 years. In 2008 Continuum is 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot and 5% Merlot, most of which is estate grown fruit from the winery's vineyards on Pritchard Hill. Fermentation and maceration was quite long, and averaged 35 days. The wine was aged in 100% new oak barrels. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2028.

I was super-impressed with the two wines I tasted from Continuum Estate, Tim Mondavi's new venture on Pritchard Hill, not far from Chappellet and Bryant. Mondavi is gradually moving towards 100% estate fruit, but these early vintages include some fruit from vineyards in Oakville and Stags Leap. Continuum is distinguished by a fairly large presence of Cabernet Franc. This is one of the most exciting new properties in Napa Valley.

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