



APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY
VARIETAL BLEND: 91% CABERNET SAUVIGNON; 3% MERLOT;
3% CABERNET FRANC; 2% MALBEC; 1% PETIT VERDOT
PRODUCTION: 60 BARRELS
WINEMAKER: SPENCER GRAHAM
RELEASE DATE: MAY 2006

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Deep plum colored and almost opaque. Offering enticing aromas of rich black fruit, cassis and black cherry with hints of smoke and graphite. Clean and bright aromas, exhibiting an almost brooding depth. Velvety-smooth on the entry, rich seductive fruit is layered atop a structure of solid, yet supple mid-palate tannins. Flavors of black plum and allspice along with hints of leather and vanilla lead to a well-balanced finish.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested over several days throughout a two week period in early October. We hand-selected only the ripest berries and vinified each vineyard lot separately. After fermentation, the wine was racked into small, 60-gallon French oak barrels. The wine was aged in these medium toast barrels from a variety of coopers adding additional complexity in the aroma and flavor profile.

VINEYARDS

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from several Napa Valley growers with whom we have established long-term relationships. Most of the fruit comes from vineyards located in Yountville and Napa that are planted on the valley floor and on gently rising slopes. These selected sites are farmed to our strict standards with the aim towards making pure, intense and balanced wines of sophisticated simplicity.

VINTAGE

The 2004 growing season began with a warm spring which was followed by a mild summer highlighted with some heat spikes at the end. We had superb fruit with yields that were normal to light and started picking our Napa Cabernet Sauvignon grapes in October. Although the crop came in lighter than estimated, we were extremely pleased with the overall quality. Grapes had high color levels and dense flavors. Irrigation management was key in 2004 and we were able to pick our Cabernet grapes at peak flavor development with exceptionally deep color, beautiful aromas and layers of concentrated flavors and ripe tannins. In short, our 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon is a powerful wine.

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