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Cabernet Sauvignon 2000 Napa Valley

The Wine

Our Napa Valley Cabernet sauvignon is a blend of Bordeaux varietals from select vineyards, appellations and clones within the renowned Napa Valley. Drawing on his experience with Cabernet sauvignon clones and his intimate knowledge of sub-appellations within the Valley, Anthony has created a wine that builds upon the unique terroir of the Napa Valley. Our 2000 vintage is a blend of Cabernet sauvignon (88%), Cabernet franc (7%), Merlot (3%) and Syrah (2%) from vineyards in Rutherford, Chiles Valley, Yountville and the Sierra Foothills.

For the 2000 vintage, Cabernet sauvignon clones 4, 6 and 7, primarily from vineyards in Rutherford and Chiles Valley, were blended with Cabernet franc from Chiles Valley and softened with a little Merlot from our estate vineyard in Yountville. Syrah from the Sierra Foothills brings additional fruit to the nose and richness to the palate. The wine was aged in a combination of French (64%) and American (36%) oak barrels, of which 41% were new barrels, for 21 months. The wine was not fined and received one rough filtration prior to bottling.

Vintage Notes

The 2000 vintage was ideal from most standpoints. Good winter rains and a relatively frost free spring enabled the vines to begin their spring growth with great energy. Cool summer temperatures, with one short but very hot heat wave in July allowed the vines to develop their fruit slowly.

Tasting Notes

Our Cabernet sauvignon, deep ruby in color, has rich, ripe fruit aromas. Soft tannins blend well with the fruit and sweet oak to yield a full-bodied wine with excellent balance and a long, lingering finish that will continue to develop with additional bottle age. The wine's exquisite balance continues the sophisticated, elegant, Bordeaux style associated with our Reserve Cabernet sauvignon. Excellent today, the wine will certainly reward those with the patience to cellar it.

Technical Analysis

Varietal:	Cabernet Sauvignon (88%) Cabernet franc (7%) Merlot (3%) Syrah (2%)
Appellation:	Napa Valley (98%) Sierra Foothills (2%)
Total Acid	0.64 gm/100ml
pH	3.66
Alcohol	13.9%
Agging	21 months in French Oak
Bottle Date	January 2003
Production	1,465 cases

