



1998 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Low-yielding vineyard lots producing intensely flavored fruit were selected for this wine. As a whole, 1998 was a difficult vintage for Cabernet Sauvignon, but our vineyards in Rutherford fared extremely well. By selecting only fruit from Rutherford, including the Estate Vineyard next to the winery, the winemaking team has created another spectacular wine!

After fermentation in open-top stainless steel tanks, the wine was put into small American oak barrels to age for three years. This rich, concentrated wine displays aromas and flavors of black cherry, currant, and toasty vanilla oak.

Fewer than 1,000 cases of 1998 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon were bottled in high-shouldered Bordeaux bottles with beautiful silk-screened labels. All the wine is packed into wood lay down boxes. The 750ml are in six bottle boxes.

Tasting Notes

Our 1998 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is loaded with forward aromas of cassis, blackberry, plum, clove and vanilla, with subtle hints of chocolate, tobacco and mint. This wine offers a mouthful of beautifully expressed fruit, supported by powerful yet delicate tannins and carefully integrated oak. Extended barrel aging in our cellars has allowed this wine to develop a richness, depth and complexity that are hallmarks of ZD's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine will continue to develop in the bottle for many years to come. Enjoy!

-Chris Pisani, Winemaker

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