



1999 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

This 1999 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a great example of a spectacular vintage. A long, moderate growing season gave us maximum time on the vine that produced intensely flavorful fruit. Our Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested from November fourth to the nineteenth. Just in time to take a break for Thanksgiving!

Each Napa Valley vineyard lot was hand-harvested and fermented separately. Hand punching in our small fermentors gave us excellent extraction without aggressive tannins. After several months of barrel aging, we selected our richest lots to be blended for this reserve wine. This final blend was aged in 60 gallon toasted American oak barrels for a total of three years in our cellars in Rutherford.

Mother Nature rewarded our patience with a rich, complex wine with hints of black berries, cassis, cinnamon, toasted nuts, and vanilla. The balance is structured yet elegant, leading to a pleasingly lasting aftertaste. Drinking beautifully now, expect this wine to develop for many years to come.

91 Points - Wine Enthusiast, March 2003

90 Points - Wine & Spirits Magazine, December 2002