

1995 CABERNET SAUVIGNON Napa Valley

THE BLEND

75% Cabernet Sauvignon 20% Cabernet Franc 5% Merlot

PRODUCTION

9,000 cases

RELEASE DATE

December 1997

STATISTICS

organically grown 13.9% alcohol 6.2 g/L total acidity 3.59 pH

WINEMAKING

aged 20 months in French oak barrels unfiltered unfined

WINEMAKERS

John Williams Paula Siroky

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The harvest season began unusually late, as we had a very cool September and early October, giving the grapes long "hang time". The season finished up with one and a half weeks of hot weather, which brought all the grapes to ripeness at the same time. Lots of sugar in the grapes, lots of flavor in the wine, with still plenty of acid to balance it all. All the makings for a very big wine.

ABOUT THE WINE

Our 1995 Cabernet Sauvignon is a generous and fruit-filled wine that deliciously reflects the spectacular 1995 vintage. Its distinctive black-fruit, cassis and currant aromas are typical of wines grown in the upland soils of Oakville and Rutherford's western benches. The addition of a small amount of Carneros Cabernet from the Truchard Vineyard and a touch of Rutherford Cabernet Franc adds power, depth and an intriguing raciness to the final wine. Another great Cabernet with wonderful fruit, superb balance and deceiving depth.