



FROG'S LEAP

2001 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Napa Valley

THE BLEND

87% Cabernet Sauvignon

13% Cabernet Franc

64% *Rutherford*

14% *Carneros*

14% *Yountville*

8% *St. Helena*

PRODUCTION

10,500 cases

RELEASE DATE

December 2003

STATISTICS

harvested ~

September 17 - October 16

24.3 ° brix

14.5 % alcohol

6.1 gr/1 total acidity

3.60 pH

WINEMAKING

native and inoculated yeast

natural malolactic fermentation

in barrel

aged 19 months in oak barrels

months

(90% French and 10%

American)

unfined ~ unfiltered

WINEMAKERS

John Williams

Paula Moschetti

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

Spring came early to the Napa Valley in 2001, following an unusually mild winter. After a rare April frost (we were up 9 full nights) the vintage settled in to a very warm early Summer with record high temperatures in May and June. As if in compensation, July and August cooled down allowing for all-important hang-time and picture-perfect harvest conditions.

ABOUT THE WINE

Napa Valley's French cousin, Bordeaux, is well known for its varying and distinctive vintages as a predictor of wine quality. Napa Valley fruit is less influenced by the moods of Mother Nature and as such, characteristically has little variance from vintage to vintage. The unexpected rain or extended heat spike in Napa Valley really has little effect on the resulting grapes. So, it is difficult to differentiate minute nuances between vintages in Napa. The real question of vintage distinction becomes whether the ripening zone extended long enough to develop the full personality of the wines and allow the shyer aspects of terroir. We, as Napa Valley winemakers, look to that all-important "hang-time" to produce fruit with fully developed flavors that reflect the subtle character of terroir.

Our 2001 vintage is a classic Napa Valley cabernet that commands all the characteristics of hang-time: beautiful expressive fruit, perfect balance and wonderful mouth-filling flavors. With extraordinary depth of rich, dark chocolatey flavors and luscious aromas of intense black fruit, supported with great structure and balance. Our 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon is textbook Frog's Leap: expressive, balanced and flavorful with an exceptional charm that belies its vintage and distinctly promises many years of graceful aging.