



COMPOSITION	100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon
VINEYARD SOURCE	Terraces, Brown Estate + Big Dam, Brown Estate
APPELLATION	Napa Valley
BARREL AGING	23 Months in 50% New French Oak
ANALYSIS	Alcohol: 15.4%
PRODUCTION	1866 cases in 6 x 750ml format 20 cases in 6 x 1.5L format

VINEYARD SOURCE

This wine was produced from two distinct vineyards on the Brown Estate property. Terraces on the easternmost ridge at elevation 1300 struggle to yield 3 to 4 tons of sparsely clustered tiny berries with inky intensity. On the west side is a moderately sloped vineyard yielding brighter, juicier, more acidic fruit. Blending from these two vineyards results in an amazingly complex, well-balanced and exciting wine made from 100% estate grown cabernet sauvignon fruit.

GROWING SEASON

2002 was the longest growing season on record at Brown Estate, with harvest extending through November 1st. As our cabernet sauvignon vineyards were enjoying the long, mild growing season, a sudden and unexpected heat wave in October sent us into a state of emergency. Both the terraces and the west side block were picked in one day. Fortunately we were able to allow the fruit to ripen at an optimal pace through the mild season which spared us the dreaded October rains.

TASTING NOTES

Before you have a chance to notice the color, this wine hits you with fragrant boysenberry and smoky chocolate notes. The dense royal-magenta color leads to the plush palate and layers of ripe dark berries, plum, and crem de cassis with hints of espresso, mocha and dusty valhrona chocolate. Fine integrated tannins give grip to the finish while deep flavors leave a lasting impression of complexity and finesse.