

<u>Wine:</u> 2002 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest: September 28, 2002, hand picked

Appellation: Napa Valley Appellation, Coombsville area

Vineyard: Ambiance Vineyard

Vines: 337 clone/101-14 rootstock

Location: Gravelly volcanic soils in southeast Napa Valley

Brix at Harvest: 24.7 Brix

PH: 3.49 pH

Total Acidity: 0.68 g/L

Pre-fermentation: 2 days cold soak at 50-55 degrees F

Fermentation: Prise de Mousse yeast

Peak Temperature: 94 degrees F

Pressing: 9 days after onset of fermentation

Aging: Native malo-lactic fermentation in barrel

Oak: 100% French oak; 1/3 new for the vintage, 2/3 second fill barrels

mixed coopers, tight grain, medium plus toast

Time in wood: 22 months in small French oak barrels

Bottled: August 20, 2004

Produced: 224 cases produced

Release Date: April 1, 2005

Winemaker's Notes:

Aroma: Forward black cherry essence, dried herbs, mocha, coffee and sage-like spice

Flavors: Mouth-filling deep blackberry and currant fruit flavors initially on the palate, mingled with dried herbs, toffee, toasted oak and restrained tannins to yield ample body with a fine-grain texture and lingering cassis finish.

General: An elegant and well-balanced wine that is delicious on its own but also crafted to be richly-flavored with a moderately-assertive tannin structure so as to not overwhelm subtle cuisine or other accompaniments to the meal.

Finished Wine Statistics:

Alcohol: 13.9% Ph: 3.75 pH TA: 0.66 g/L

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