

## 2003 29 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Harvest Dates: October 15, 2003

Barrel Age: 18 months, 100% new, 100% French oak

Cooperage: Saury, St. Martin, and Demptos

Bottling Date: June 10, 2005

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

Release Date: November 2006

Cases Produced: 550

Release Price: \$195 ~ 750ml

**Library Price:** \$595 ~ 750ml

THE VINEYARD Our 29 Estate Vineyard sits on a hillside just at the "pinch" of Napa Valley's hourglass shape. Excellent airflow provides natural frost protection, while the fertile clay loam soils encourage deeply rooted vines, yielding powerfully concentrated cabernet sauvignon tempered by markedly floral, velvet elegance and explosive aromatic.

THE VINTAGE The strong tradition of our flagship Vineyard 29 Cabernet Sauvignon continues with this offering. Our 2003 vintage is inky red, tinged with thick purple hues. The nose opens with fresh mixed berry fruit and ripe cherry aromas with hints of violets and crème de cassis. Toasted baking spices, dusty cocoa, coffee and graphite add enhanced layers of complexity.

THE WINE Firm but soft velvety tannins are balanced with the natural fruit acids to keep the palate lively. Blackberries, concentrated blueberry, and subtle toasty oak flavors persist through a lengthy finish. This is a rich, full-bodied, strikingly proportioned, beautifully textured, elegant and nuanced wine. Enjoy this beauty now through 2020.

**THE UPDATE** Ruby red in color, our 2003 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon has aromatic notes of black olive, leather, coffee grounds and light soy. Expressing a beautiful red fruit profile that showcases rich Bing cherry this beautiful wine has long, refined silky tannins and bright acidity.