



2000 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal	90% Cabernet Sauvignon 7% Cabernet Franc 3% Merlot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.2%
Release Date	February 2003
Case Production	2300 cases

Our 2000 Reserve Cabernet is a beautiful, showy wine, spilling-over with spicy oak and aromatic cedar, centered on opulent black fruit. Absolutely rich, ripe and round, we used 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc and 3% Merlot in this Reserve blend. A cloak of vanilla, clove and seductive oak spice wraps around a deeply fruited core of currant and wild berries with hints of anise and chocolate that gradually give way to long, mouth-coating tannins.

“Extravagant oak brings a wealth of vanillin sweetness to both the aromas and flavors of this altogether flamboyant wine, and, if arguably one serving shy of the central fruit it needs to claim a third star, it is captivating in its richness and shows all the mass and palatal weight one could expect of young Cabernet. Given its overall size and sense of substance, it is only moderately tan-nic, and its edge of finishing toughness is enough to give it a bit of youthful grip. Entirely suitable to accompany a hearty chunk of beef in the short run, it seems very likely to reach its best with a few years of cellaring.”

- *Connoisseur's Guide*

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