



2001 Alec's Blend

Varietal	60% Syrah 40% Merlot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.4%
Release Date	September 2003
Case Production	700 cases

This blend was created in 1997 to celebrate the birth of Dennis' first son – Alec. His stature has been growing ever since, and last year's bottling was one of the highest-scoring Napa Valley wines from the 2000 vintage. For 2001 we have again blended 60% Syrah and 40% Merlot to create this rich and exotic wine. Loaded with blackberry fruit, mocha, lavender, sweet oak and vanillin spice, Alec strikes the sweet spot between rustic and refined character with his latest wine.

“Intense and concentrated, with a medley of ripe, rich fruit, blackberries and raspberries, and a pretty touch of mocha and cedary oak, building to a richly tannic finish.”

- James Laube, *Wine Spectator*