



## 1997 Cuvee L

Varietal	90% Cabernet Sauvignon 8% Merlot 2% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.2%
Release Date	October 2000
Case Production	175 cases

This is a full-throttle bottle of Cabernet and beyond question, the finest we have created to date! We hand-selected 8 barrels from our '97 vintage Reserve Cabernet and Reserve Merlot lots to create Cuvee L, which is 90% Cabernet, 8% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc. From the nose and palate, this wine delivers high-octane fruit and aromas with neck-snapping power - like a run through the gears in a Formula One Ferrari. Even with its tremendous power, you will find the wine graceful through the turns with finesse and length in the finish that go on long after the checkered flag. We invite you to get behind the wheel!

“A tremendous effort, dark, ripe, rich, deeply concentrated, with layers of thick currant, black cherry, wild berry, spice, anise and toasty oak, finishing with a long, complex finish and firm, integrated tannins. Delicious now.”

- James Laube, *Wine Spectator*

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