



1997 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal	96% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.2%
Release Date	February 2000
Case Production	2400 cases

Every time we went back to barrel taste this wine we smiled and immediately sensed what our notes consistently confirmed – this is a special wine. 1997 may prove to be the finest Cabernet vintage in California history. After extended maceration, the wine was aged in 70% new French and American oak, and was bottled unfinned and unfiltered. The nose is powerful with cedar, oak and blackberry aromas. The palate is muscular, densely layered with black fruit and dark chocolate flavors, integrated with full round tannins. Delicious now, this wine will continue to improve with bottle age.

“Complex aromas of cassis, dough, espresso, bacon and cola create instant interest. It seduces with its rich dark fruit and earth flavors, and a concentrated, suave mouthfeel. Big flavors and tannins don’t quit on the long, even finish. Profoundly enjoyable, seamless and shows impeccable balance.”

- *Wine Enthusiast*