



1999 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.2%
Release Date	February 2002
Case Production	2000 cases

Very much like our experience with 1997, we knew early on that we had some outstanding wines with the '99 vintage. In the Wine Spectator's barrel tasting of 1999 California Cabernets, the 1999 Lewis Reserve received a Classic Potential rating of 95-100 points. In February 2001 our 1999 "Premiere Cuvée Cabernet," derived from the 1999 Reserve Cabernet, received the Top Bid at the annual Napa Valley Premiere Auction. Powerfully aromatic, rich, ripe, and deeply concentrated, this wine is "full-throttle".

"A beauty! This opaque purple-colored Cabernet boasts an explosive bouquet of crushed plums, crème de cassis, licorice, Asian spices, and graphite. The wine is full-bodied, sweet, and exuberantly fruity with surprisingly good acidity. It deftly balances power and juicy fruit with freshness and vibrancy. Bravo!"

- Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*