

WOLF FAMILY VINEYARDS

St. Helena / Napa Valley

2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley Estate Grown and Bottled

Vineyards

The 2000 Wolf Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon was made exclusively from estate grown fruit from the Wolf Family front vineyard located just south west of St. Helena against the foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains in Napa Valley. The 4.5 acre vineyard was planted in 1996 to Cabernet Sauvignon clones 337 and 7, on Schwarzman rootstock, narrowly spaced at 4' by 6'. This site is a slightly sloping area of well-drained, gravelly, clay loam soils. The vineyard yields an average of 3 tons per acre of very small berries.

Vintage

The Wolf Family Vineyard lies in a warm area of northern Napa Valley, and is fairly immune to a cool year such as 2000. The fog lifts earlier and thus there are warmer days with longer periods of sun. The grapes reached optimum maturity in late September.

Winemaking

The 2000 Wolf Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented with two different yeasts (D80, BM45), with some tanks finishing in as little as 8 days and some as long 25 days. The wine received an additional 9 days skin contact, post fermentation. It was aged 19 months in 79% new French oak barrels and the balance in one and two year old French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

The wine is characterized by its lushness... the aromas are full and dark with rich fruit. The palate has a texture of velvet, with plenty of full tannins that add body to the finish. The wine has a rich extract with a viscous and juicy mid palate. These complex flavors integrate well with the toasty new French oak barrels and the deep berry aromas of Cabernet Sauvignon.

Statistics

Wine	14.9% alcohol, 5.8 g/L total acidity, 3.75 pH
Blend	100% Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate
Bottling	534 cases were bottled in May 2002
Release Date	Fall 2003
Winemaker	Karen Culler
Proprietors	Jane and Doug Wolf