

WATERSTONE

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2001 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

2001 is being considered a banner year for red wines. Despite a roller coaster growing season — a relatively cool Spring followed by an unusually warm start of Summer — the vines yielded smaller berries of intense color and flavor. Although rainfall was below normal for the year, near perfect weather in July and August provided the luxury of long hang time for the grapes. The result is Cabernet Sauvignon grapes of high intensity, supple tannins and great structure.

Vineyards

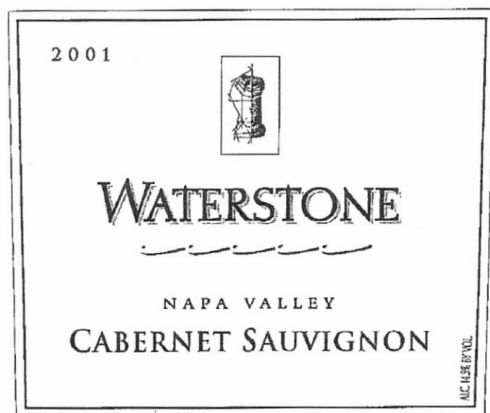
Selecting optimally ripe grapes from well-established hillside vineyards from Oakville to St. Helena provides the backbone and contributes to the overall complexity and structure of this wine. The hillside locations provided rocky soils and favorably stressed vines, resulting in intense flavors.


Vinification

The grapes were hand picked at 24-25° Brix as the sugars reached maximum balance with the acids. Both vineyards were harvested according to flavor profiles. Following destemming, the grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 23 months (100% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling and received minimal filtration.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of cedary oak, currants, black cherries and ripe plums suggest the fruit flavors to come, as does the intense, deep red color of the wine. Dense, mouth-filling cherries, plums, chocolate and tobacco marry with the oak nuances. The firm tannins underlying the wine's core provide balance, leading to a lush finish and lingering aftertaste.




Philip Zorn, Winemaker

Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	82% Cabernet Sauvignon 12% Merlot 4% Cabernet Franc 2% Malbec
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.9%
TA	0.55 g/100ml
pH	3.54
Oak Aging	23 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 100% new
Bottling Date	September 11, 2003
Production	1829 cases
Suggested Retail	\$20