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2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY RESERVE

Vintage

The 2003 growing season began with a series of early heat spikes in March, followed by the wettest April on record in Napa Valley. A long, cool summer provided ideal conditions for flavor development ahead of sugar accumulation. Heat spikes in September helped move the harvest forward after many felt it would be a late year.

Vineyards

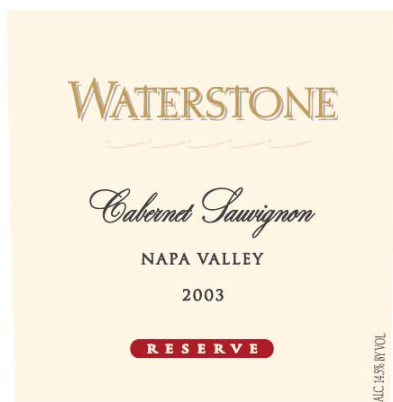
Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. For our Reserve blend, we held back two barrels from each of our top three lots of 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, and allowed the wines to age an additional eight months in barrel.


Vinification

The grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness. 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 26 months (100% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

A plush, concentrated wine with layers of rich black cherry, currant, plum and blackberry fruit supported by ripe, round tannins. Flavors persist with the wine's long, mouth-coating finish.




Philip Zorn, Winemaker

Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	90% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Merlot 3% Cabernet Franc 2% Malbec 1% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	15%
TA	0.68 g/100ml
pH	3.72
Oak Aging	26 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 100% new
Bottling Date	January 30, 2006
Production	1704 bottles
Suggested Retail	\$75