



HALTER RANCH
VINEYARD



2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Composition: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Cabernet Franc
8% Malbec
3% Merlot

Harvest Date: Merlot – Block 32, Sept. 4
Malbec – Block 42, Sept. 6
Cabernet Franc – Block 40B, Sept. 15
Cabernet Sauvignon –
Block 27, Sept. 17
Block 21, Sept. 21
Block 41B, Sept. 23
Block 30, Oct. 1

Fermentation: Closed-top fermenters with pump-overs
twice daily.

Barrel Aging: 16 months in French oak, 40% new

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.35

TA: 0.67 g/100 ml

Bottled: May 22, 2006

Production: 1712 (750 ml) cases

WINEMAKER NOTES:

Our 2004 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is complex and finely structured with a classic varietal aroma of ripe black currants joined by cedar box, green pepper and sweet oak scents. Youthful and compact, its well-extracted cassis, cola, and black licorice flavors add an intriguing pepper-spice character in the long, fresh finish. Delicious now, this classic Cabernet Sauvignon will continue developing in the bottle for another 5-7 years.

VINTAGE 2004:

Rainfall for the period of December 2003 through March 2004 was 50% to 60% below normal, totaling less than 20 inches. Storms in February provided much needed soil moisture for the start of the growing season. A spell of unseasonably warm weather at the end of April spurred shoot growth, helping to ensure a good canopy for ripening. Temperatures and growing conditions remained favorable during the summer, creating a positive transition to the fruit ripening cycle. Our first harvest of white grapes were picked the last three days of August, just before a heat wave of 100 plus temperatures set in during the first week of September. Warm temperatures provided the final push to ripeness for many of our Rhône varieties, with the Syrah harvest beginning as soon as the weather cooled on September 9th. Milder temperatures through the balance of the month allowed the harvest to proceed at a steady pace, with the last of the Cabernet being harvested on October 1st. Overall, the wines show exceptional ripeness, with all our reds displaying beautiful deep color and very plush tannins. 2004 promises to be one of the finest vintages since 1994.

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