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## 2003 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**Release:** February 2006; 465 cases (750ml)

**Varietal Composition:** 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot

**Vineyards:** The Cabernet Sauvignon comes from Block C-1 at the Stagecoach Vineyard in Napa. The Cabernet Franc and Merlot come from the Frediani Family Vineyard in Calistoga.

**Wine Making:** 2003 had a cool and wet spring. Early season vine growth fell behind, setting the stage for a slightly later harvest and keeping crop size on the small side. Summer and fall provided more of a textbook Napa Valley weather pattern, giving the vines the chance to fully ripen their grapes.

You may note that the Cabernet Sauvignon has less Cabernet Franc in the blend for 2003 compared to the 2002 wine. Tasting the wines from barrel while determining the final blend for the 2003 vintage, I found that the aromas, palate and texture of the Cabernet Sauvignon were almost complete, and required only small percentages of Cabernet Franc and Merlot to achieve the sensory profiles I look for in this wine. Blending choices allow me to create wines that are both true to the qualities of a particular vintage and vineyard sources, and to my overall style as a winemaker. No vintage can be a replica of another; it's more like patterns that resonate or not for a given vintage.

**Tasting Notes:** Blackberry cobbler, cherry, and raspberry; molasses, caramelized brown sugar, hint of sweet spice and vanilla; dark chocolate and coffee. Mouth-coating, viscous, and velvety; intense flavors true to those found in the aroma; very good length.