



# SELENE

## 2004 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**Release:** February 2007; 612 cases (750ml)

**Varietal**

**Composition:** 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% 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:** In 2004 Napa enjoyed an early, warm spring. Grapevines like that. Who wouldn't? Beautiful, consistent weather throughout March and April created ideal conditions for an even budbreak and bloom. When everything goes perfectly early in the growing season, the vines gain tremendous momentum, and it becomes more unlikely for things to go wrong even if conditions deteriorate. But nothing did go wrong in 2004; moderate summer and fall weather only added to the momentum of this fine vintage, with no excessive hot or cold spells.

With such perfectly ripened Cabernet Sauvignon, I added only a small amount of Cabernet Franc and Merlot to the blend for this wine. At 97% Stagecoach Cabernet Sauvignon, it could even be a vineyard designate. As with all my wines, 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.

**Tasting Notes:** The 2004 Selene Cabernet Sauvignon offers complex aromas of black currant, raspberry, blueberry and huckleberry, joined by brown sugar, cedar, sandalwood, and cocoa. It's also floral, with sage blossom and old English red rose petals, and a whiff of anise. Flavors in the mouth mirror the aromas with very good impact, intensity, and length. The texture is fine with just enough chewiness and structure to compliment the wine's flavor qualities and intensity.