

1106 CLARK STREET, NAPA, CA 94559 | T 707-253-7686 | F 707-253-7689

2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MOUNT VEEDER NAPA VALLEY

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD: 100% TAMBOR VINEYARD, MOUNT VEEDER

HARVEST DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.7 FINISHED PH: 3.73

FINISHED TA: 0.64 G/IOOML ALCOHOL: 14.1% BY VOLUME

COOPERAGE: AGED 21 MONTHS IN 67% NEW FRENCH OAK

WINEMAKER: KAREN CULLER PRODUCTION: 187 CASES RELEASE DATE: WINTER 2007

Suggested Retail: \$50.00 per Bottle

VINEYARD:

THE TAMBOR VINEYARD IS SITUATED ON A SOUTHERN FACING SLOPE AT AN ELEVATION OF THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED FEET ON MT. VEEDER. THIS ORIENTATION ALLOWS THE VINEYARD TO RECEIVE THE COOL BREEZES COMING OFF THE BAY TO THE SOUTH IN THE EVENING WHILE MAXIMIZING THE SUN EXPOSURE AND WARMTH DURING THE DAY. UNLIKE THE TYPICAL NAPA VALLEY FLOOR WHOSE SOILS ARE COMMONLY COMPRISED FROM VOLCANIC ORIGIN, TAMBOR IS SET IN A UNIQUE SOIL TYPE CATEGORIZED AS A BRESSA-DIBBLE. THESE SOILS WERE FORMED FROM THE EFFECTS OF WEATHER OVER THOUSANDS OF YEARS ON SANDSTONE AND SHALE, BREAKING THEM DOWN INTO A FINE TEXTURED SOIL.

VINTAGE:

THE 2004 GROWING SEASON WAS REMARKABLE FOR WINE QUALITY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE SEASON STARTED EARLY WHEN THE RAINS STOPPED IN LATE FEBRUARY. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF LATE SEASON RAIN, THE SOIL MOISTURE WAS LOW IN THE SPRING AND THIS LED TO A SMALLER THAN NORMAL CROP, MAINLY DUE TO SMALLER BERRIES. BUDBREAK WAS EARLY WITH THE WARM AIR AND SOIL TEMPERATURES. THE SUMMER CONTINUED TO BE WARM, AND HARVEST STARTED AND ENDED EARLY, WITH IDEAL RIPENING CONDITIONS

TASTING NOTES:

THE 2004 CABERNETS FROM NAPA VALLEY ARE CHARACTERIZED BY HIGH EXTRACT AND CONCENTRATION AND FULL TANNINS, DUE TO THE LOW YIELD AND SMALL BERRY SIZE. THE RENTERIA MT. VEEDER FOLLOWS THIS STYLE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME HAS NICE SOFT MATURE TANNINS DUE TO THE COOLER TEMPERATURES AT TAMBOR VINEYARD. THE AROMAS ARE FULL OF BLACK FRUITS WITH FRESH JAMMY, LICORICE AND VANILLA NOTES. THIS WINE, WITH THE ABUNDANCE OF FRUIT AND LONG, SOFT TANNINS, SHOULD AGE VERY WELL FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.