

# TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



## 1994 Cabernet Sauvignon

The Truchard Vineyard, the northernmost vineyard in Napa-Carneros, lies on steep hills of clay loam, underlaid by fractured blue shale and occasional sandstone. In addition, a portion of the vineyard lies on porous, volcanic soils. The fruit for this Cabernet Sauvignon, including Cabernet Franc, is typically dark in color, with deep, full flavors tending toward plum and blueberry with cedar and spice.

Patience paid off in 1994. The growing season was very long and cool allowing for slow, even ripening throughout. The resultant wine has excellent intensity, a rich texture with chewy tannins providing structure and a good acid balance to ensure a long life in the bottle. The 1994 vintage should take its place in an excellent streak of vintages beginning with 1990.

**Vineyard:** 81% Cabernet Sauvignon - Estate Grown (Four lots from distinctly different parts of the vineyard. Vines vary from 20 yrs. to 5 yrs. old. All lots have southwestern facing, hillside exposure. Soils are a mix of marine sediments and small volcanic area.  
19% Cabernet Franc - Estate Grown (volcanic highlands area)

**Harvest:** October 15 - October 26  
Sugar at Harvest: 24.0 average, alcohol 13.5%

**Fermentation:** Pasteur Red Yeast, temperature peak to 88°F then to 78°F to dryness

**Maceration:** average of 20 days

**Aging:** 20 months in 60 gallon French Oak, 40% new wood  
Coopers: Vicard, Taransaud, Seguin Moreau  
Rackings every 3 - 4 months

**Tasting Notes:** Currant, spice, blueberry preserves, plum, and violets with a note of leather on the nose. The palate is rich and viscous with round, supple tannins, chocolate and blackberry fruit is framed by firm acidity providing a long, lingering finish. (10/97)

**Release date:** September 1997

**Cases Produced:** 1894 cases

**Bottle Price:** \$24