



Truchard Vineyards

2001 Cabernet Sauvignon

- Vintage:** The 2001 vintage was an outstanding harvest. Erratic springtime weather before and during bloom resulted in below average yields. Moderate temperatures throughout the summer allowed for excellent flavor development and fully mature fruit. The wines from this vintage have intense aromas, rich flavors, and beautiful tannin structure.
- Vineyard:** The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 380 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 5 - 27 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot are blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.
- Harvest:** October 9 - 18 • 24.8 °Brix • 3.50 pH • 6.6 g/L TA
- Winemaking:** All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on wine lot. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2003. The final blend is 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdot. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 10 - 15 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.62 pH • 5.9 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Bright aromas of floral blueberry, ripe plum, and blackberry; with hints of cedar, cocoa, and vanilla. The mouth is rich and smooth: jammy flavors of raspberry, black cherry, and red currants. Round tannins fill out the palate and provide a long, opulent finish of spice and red fruit.
- Release Date:** January 1, 2005
Bottle Price: \$35.00