



Truchard Vineyards

2004 Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage:	The 2004 vintage was nearly identical to the exceptional 2003 harvest. A dry spring with unusually high temperatures affected berry set and reduced yields by about 15%. Warmer summer temperatures easily ripened the small crop and led to an early harvest. 2004 produced big, powerful wines with rich aromas, ripe flavors, and excellent 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 8 - 30 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:	Sept. 22 – Oct. 7 • 24.7 °Brix • 3.50 pH • 6.8 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 2006. The final blend is 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdot. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 10 - 15 years.
Wine Analysis:	14.2% alcohol • 3.58 pH • 6.0 g/l TA
Tasting Notes:	Intense aromas of ripe plum, black cherry, and cassis; accented with cedar and vanilla. The mouth is jammy, with bright flavors of raspberry, cherry, red currant, and a touch of cracked black pepper. Fine-grained tannins fill the palate and provide a long finish of spice and red fruit.
Release Date:	September 1, 2007
Cases Produced:	2267 cases
Bottle Price:	\$35.00

