

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



1995 Cabernet Sauvignon

- Vintage:** 1995 was yet another excellent vintage, similar to 1994. Cooler temperatures brought the fruit to maturity slowly, allowing for maximum flavor development. The additional "hang time" on the vines resulted in an intense wine, with good acidity and balanced tannins.
- Vineyard:** The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 170 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 "micro-climates" well suited for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwest-facing hillsides. The vines range from 6 to 21 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc, grown in the "Highlands" area of the vineyard, is blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.
- Harvest:** October 14 - November 2 • 24.2 °Brix • 3.59 pH • 6.3 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 (40% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 1997. The final blend is 84% Cabernet Sauvignon and 16% Cabernet Franc. This wine is very approachable right now, but it will reward careful cellaring for the next 10 - 15 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 13.5 % alcohol • 3.60 pH • 5.6 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Rich aromas of cassis, ripe plum, and floral blackberry, infused with cedar, tobacco, and high-tone black pepper. The mouth is deep and smooth: sweet vanilla and plum jam, followed by cherry, then raspberry. These flavors are amplified by dusty tannins, which lift the palate and give the wine a long spicy finish.
- Release date:** September 1, 1998
- Cases Produced:** 1582 cases
- Bottle Price:** \$27.00

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