

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



Premiere Release!! 1994 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve

Vintage: It is difficult to find anything bad to say about 1994. Conditions were ideal: a very long, cool growing season that allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and evenly. This resulted in wines with intense flavors and rich texture, as well as excellent acid/tannin balance. **The impressive 1994 vintage was the motivation behind this first-ever Truchard "reserve" designation; a limited bottling that is a tribute to the quality of this unique vineyard.**

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 5 to 20 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice.

Harvest: October 15 - 22 • 24.1 °Brix • 3.61 pH • 5.6 g/l TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Each fermentation was pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. The lots were pressed after 21 days of maceration. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (75% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 1996. This wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. It is drinkable upon release, but will continue to evolve with careful cellaring for the next 15 - 20 years.

Wine Analysis: 13.5 % alcohol • 3.59 pH • 5.5 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: A powerful nose of plum, blueberry, violets, and cocoa, with accents of cedar, tobacco, and eucalyptus. The mouth is packed with red currants, cherries, blackberries, toasted vanilla, and spice. Dusty tannins are layered throughout the palate - they slowly melt, leaving a velvety aftertaste of dark chocolate and raspberry.

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Cases Produced: 200

Bottle Price: \$48.00

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