

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



1995 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve

- 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 Sauvignon is the only wine produced by Truchard Vineyards with a "reserve" designation. It is a very limited bottling that is a tribute to the quality of this unique vineyard.**
- 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. Each fermentation was pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. The lots were pressed after 28 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 1997. **This wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.** It is drinkable upon release, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 15 - 20 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 13.5 % alcohol • 3.65 pH • 5.5 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** A complex nose of ripe plum, cassis, and dried cherries; highlighted with cocoa, cedar, and tobacco accents. The mouth is brimming with black cherries, raspberries, plum jam, and sweet, toasted vanilla. Firm, dusty tannins focus the palate and provide a velvety aftertaste of berry and spice.
- Release date:** July 1, 1999
Cases Produced: 190
Bottle Price: \$55.00

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