

# TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



## 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve

- Vintage:** 1996 was a warmer vintage, which brought the fruit to ripeness more quickly than in previous years. Nevertheless, the early harvest resulted in a wine with complex aromas, rich flavors, and a powerful palate.
- 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 7 to 22 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:** September 22 - October 8 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.55 pH • 6.2 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 1998. **This wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.** It is drinkable upon release, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 15 - 20 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.2 % alcohol • 3.62 pH • 5.7 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Rich aromas of ripe plum, floral blackberry, and spiced red fruit; accented with dark chocolate, cedar, tobacco, and anise. The mouth is layered with the flavors of dried cherries, raspberries, plum jam, and sweet vanilla. Round, dusty tannins balance the palate and provide a lingering aftertaste of fruit and spice.
- Release date:** July 1, 2000  
**Cases Produced:** 214  
**Bottle Price:** \$58.00

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