

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



1997 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve

- Vintage:** Ideal conditions throughout the spring of 1997 resulted in excellent berry set and a very large crop. Warmer summer temperatures steadily brought the fruit to maturity and led to an early harvest. This "record harvest" produced fruit of outstanding quality. 1997 wines show exceptional depth, intensity, and balance.
- 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 8 to 23 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 19 - 30 • 24.4 °Brix • 3.52 pH • 6.5 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 1999. **This wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.** It is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 15 - 20 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.2 % alcohol • 3.66 pH • 5.8 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** A powerful nose of cassis, ripe plum, and black raspberry; highlighted with cocoa, cedar, and mint. The mouth is dominated by the flavors of dried cherries, plum jam, red currants, and sweet, toasted vanilla. Velvety tannins frame the palate and prolong the aftertaste of berry and spice.
- Release date:** July 1, 2001
Cases Produced: 297
Bottle Price: \$75.00

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