



1999 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve

- Vintage:** 1999 was a cool, late vintage that produced top quality fruit. Cold springtime conditions delayed flowering and reduced yields. Continued cool weather throughout the summer months allowed for slow, even ripening and excellent flavor development. The resulting wines have intense aromas, rich flavors, and impressive structure.
- Vineyard:** The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 270 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 various sites - on steep, southwest-facing hillsides. The vines range from 10 to 25 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 18 - 20 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.48 pH • 6.9 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 (75% new). Racking occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2001. **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:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.59 pH • 5.9 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** A powerful nose of ripe plum, black raspberry, and cassis; highlighted with cedar, cocoa, and mint. The mouth is dominated by the flavors of red currants, cherry jam, and sweet, toasted vanilla. Dusty tannins lift the palate and provide a velvety finish of berry and spice.
- Release Date:** July 1, 2003
Cases Produced: 321 cases
Bottle Price: \$50.00