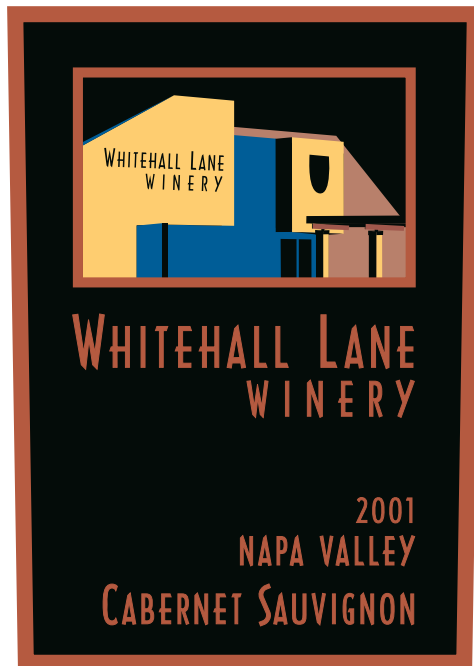


WHITEHALL LANE WINERY

2001 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY



Blend: 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% PetiteVerdot

Production: 18,860 cases

The Vintage: The 2001 growing season began with an ideal bloom and fruit set in mid-May despite a surprise frost. May and June were especially warm and aided in the early development of the grape clusters. The remainder of the summer and harvest season, through the end of October, was ideal with near perfect daytime temperatures and cool nights. This growing year resulted in beautifully balanced fruit with intense flavors and rich, mature tannins.

Winemaking: The grapes that make up this blend were all harvested by hand in small lots from mid-September to mid-October 2001. The grapes were fermented at an average of 86°F with systematic pump-overs for excellent flavor and color extraction. The wine was aged in a combination of American and French oak barrels for 20 months. Merlot was added to the final blend to increase fruit complexity. The Cabernet Franc and Petite Verdot enhance the aromas and add a pinch of spice to the wine.

Tasting Notes: This offering is an exceptional wine from an excellent vintage. It displays attractive aromas of mulberry, blackberry, spice and vanilla. This elegant wine is round and supple with alluring flavors of berry, plum and mocha that linger beyond the long, polished finish. The balance of fruit and power make this wine a candidate for graceful aging.

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