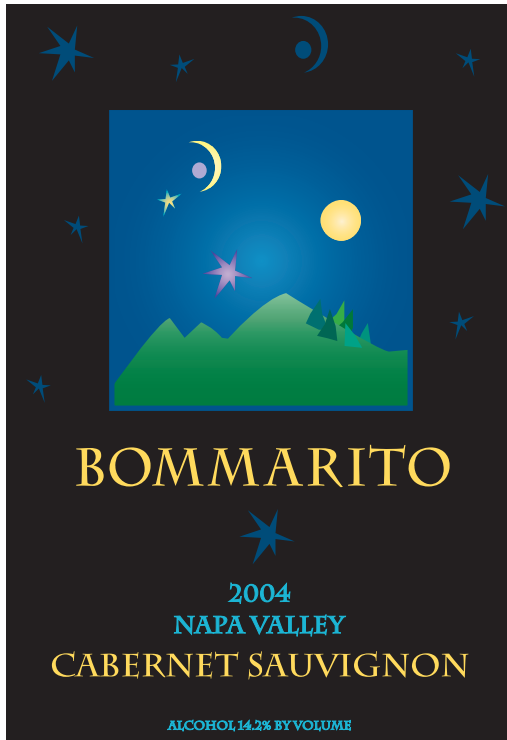


BOMMARITO

2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY



The Wine: Bommarito Cabernet has been part of the Napa Valley landscape for many years. This wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from a select number of Napa Valley vineyards. It is an outstanding wine and a terrific value for Napa Valley Cabernet.

Bommarito is an almost forgotten historic name in the Napa Valley. Dominic Bommarito, who was born in Sicily in 1889, immigrated to the United States in 1903 and moved to his Rutherford estate in 1929. He was a founding member of the Napa Valley Co-Op at Greystone and tended to his Rutherford vineyard until he passed away in 1963. The Bommarito name continues to be used, recognizing the wonderful history of the Napa Valley, its pioneers and its characters.

The Vintage & Winemaking: The heavy rains really weren't an issue in Spring of 2004 and the warm March weather led to an early bud break. The perfect summer weather was fantastic for flavor and sugar development in the grapes. The 2004 growing season concluded in an early harvest with our Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes maturing approximately two weeks ahead of normal, but yielding less fruit than expected.

At harvest, the grapes displayed a wonderful balance between fruit and structure, maturing into a wine with elegant flavors. The wine was aged in American oak barrels for 17 months. This oak aging enhanced the fruit flavors and aromas. The Merlot accentuates the plush mid-palate of this well crafted Cabernet Sauvignon.

Winemaker Notes: This dazzling Cabernet has concentrated aromas of blackberry and sweet, toasty vanilla. There are pleasing flavors of ripe berry and plum that are nicely framed by sweet oak. It has a smooth finish with mild tannin. Enjoy it now and for the next few years.

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