

# WHITEHALL LANE WINERY

## 2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### *Silver Anniversary Reserve ♦ Napa Valley*



#### **Wine Spectator**

*November 2007*

**92 Points**

“Smooth, rich and fleshy, with concentrated currant, mineral and blackberry fruit that’s supple and engaging. Well-proportioned, ending with dusty, cedary oak that adds a nice dimension. Best from 2008 to 2013.”

#### **Decanter Magazine**

*World Wine Awards*

**GOLD MEDAL**

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#### **Blend**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **Vintage & Winemaking**

Heavy winter rains in 2004 gave way to warm March weather that led to an early bud break in our Napa Valley vineyards. The perfect summer weather was ideal for flavor and sugar development in the grapes and these exceptional growing conditions concluded in an early harvest. Cabernet Sauvignon grapes matured approximately two weeks ahead of normal. The yields were somewhat lower than expected but resulted in outstanding, concentrated fruit.

This commemorative Reserve bottling celebrates Whitehall Lane Winery’s 25 years of making outstanding wines in Napa Valley. The Reserve offerings have always represented the very best barrel lots from some of the finest vineyards in Napa Valley. The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes in the Silver Anniversary Reserve include fruit harvested from select vine rows in the Leonardini Vineyard in St. Helena, the Morisoli Vineyard in Rutherford and a small vineyard block on the eastern hills of Napa Valley. These grapes were harvested between September 18 and September 27, 2004. The wine was aged in a combination of French and American oak barrels for 25 months.

#### **Tasting Notes**

This classic, opulent Napa Valley Cabernet has aromas of black cherry, cassis and scents of creamy vanilla framed by toasty French oak. It has rounded, luxurious flavors of blackberry, mulberry and mocha. This delicious Reserve offering displays great balance, ripeness and offers a long, silky smooth finish. Enjoy to 2016.

#### **The Closure**

The 2004 Reserve Cabernet is the winery’s second vintage to be sealed with the revolutionary glass closure, Vino-Seal™. This elegant alternative to cork offers an ideal seal that allows the wine to retain its purity of flavor and aroma. The closure proved very popular and performed beautifully on the 2003 vintage. Vino-Seal™ was designed by engineers at Alcoa to offer a stylish and graceful alternative to cork.

