



## FROG'S LEAP

### 2001 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

#### *Napa Valley*

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#### THE BLEND

87% Cabernet Sauvignon  
13% Cabernet Franc  
    64% Rutherford  
    14% Carneros  
    14% Yountville  
    8% St. Helena

#### PRODUCTION

10,500 cases

#### RELEASE DATE

December 2003

#### STATISTICS

harvested ~  
    September 17 - October 16  
24.3 ° brix  
14.5 % alcohol  
6.1 gr/1 total acidity  
3.60 pH

#### WINEMAKING

native and inoculated yeast  
natural malolactic fermentation  
in barrel  
aged 19 months in oak barrels  
months  
    (90% French and 10%  
American)  
unfined ~ unfiltered

#### WINEMAKERS

John Williams  
Paula Moschetti

#### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

Spring came early to the Napa Valley in 2001, following an unusually mild winter. After a rare April frost (we were up 9 full nights) the vintage settled in to a very warm early Summer with record high temperatures in May and June. As if in compensation, July and August cooled down allowing for all-important hang-time and picture-perfect harvest conditions.

#### ABOUT THE WINE

Napa Valley's French cousin, Bordeaux, is well known for its varying and distinctive vintages as a predictor of wine quality. Napa Valley fruit is less influenced by the moods of Mother Nature and as such, characteristically has little variance from vintage to vintage. The unexpected rain or extended heat spike in Napa Valley really has little effect on the resulting grapes. So, it is difficult to differentiate minute nuances between vintages in Napa. The real question of vintage distinction becomes whether the ripening zone extended long enough to develop the full personality of the wines and allow the shyer aspects of terroir. We, as Napa Valley winemakers, look to that all-important "hang-time" to produce fruit with fully developed flavors that reflect the subtle character of terroir.

Our 2001 vintage is a classic Napa Valley cabernet that commands all the characteristics of hang-time: beautiful expressive fruit, perfect balance and wonderful mouth-filling flavors. With extraordinary depth of rich, dark chocolatey flavors and luscious aromas of intense black fruit, supported with great structure and balance. Our 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon is textbook Frog's Leap: expressive, balanced and flavorful with an exceptional charm that belies its vintage and distinctly promises many years of graceful aging.