

# JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

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*Cabernet Sauvignon*

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NAPA VALLEY



## *1977 Vintage*

**ORIGINAL NOTES** Our concept with the Insignia label is to produce a blend of the classic Bordelais grape varieties featuring the best lots available from a particular vintage. It follows then that in a relatively cool year like 1977 the blend might have less Cabernet Sauvignon and proportionally more Merlot and Cabernet Franc, both of which ripen earlier. The wine has a lovely aroma, rich with cedar and fruit, and sufficient structure to develop into a magnificent example of a Claret-style California wine.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

#### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

50% Cabernet Sauvignon  
30% Merlot  
20% Cabernet Franc

20% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA  
80% Trusted Grower fruit  
including Stanton and Tench Vineyards

### BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for twenty-four months in 100% new French oak barrels before bottling.