

JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1980 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES We look for elegance first when selecting the lots for our Insignia blend, wanting a wine that while dramatic and assertive is not heavy handed. The 1980 vintage was made to order for this. The ideally cool growing season was brought to culmination and a safe, pre-rain harvest by a well-timed interval of warm weather in late September. After nearly two years in bottle, the wine is perceived to be all we'd hoped for and more, with a strong cedar aroma that seems almost sweet, ripe fruit flavors and a level of complexity rarely encountered.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

85% Cabernet Sauvignon
13% Merlot

7% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
93% Trusted Grower fruit
including Reese and Eisele Vineyards

BARREL AGING

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