

JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1981 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES The Cabernet Sauvignon component in this year's Insignia comes from three separate vineyards with respectively a Yountville, Oakville and Rutherford appellation. The production of Insignia in 1981 was reduced appreciably from the previous year partly because of the especially warm growing season and partly because of generally lower crop yields that year. The wine is particularly fine, however, with a striking, almost mint-like aroma and flavors that are rich and full without being highhanded.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

60% Cabernet Sauvignon
28% Merlot
12% Cabernet Franc

15% Backus — Oakville AVA
12% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
73% Trusted Grower fruit
including Reese and Stanton Vineyards

BARREL AGING

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