

JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1982 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES The long, cool growing season of 1982 was responsible for red wines of style and grace and seemed particularly well-suited to early-ripening varieties such as Cabernet Franc and Merlot. The Cabernet Sauvignon component in this year's blend gives the wine a rich, almost cherry flavor, while the Merlot adds a touch of mint or spice and the Cabernet Franc an exotic, cedarlike aroma. The result is a remarkable wine-lean, tightly knit and sure to improve for many years.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

50% Cabernet Sauvignon
30% Cabernet Franc
20% Merlot

30% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
8% Backus — Oakville AVA
62% Trusted Grower fruit
including Stanton and Tench Vineyards

BARREL AGING

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