

JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1983 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES The 1983 harvest presented some special challenges in the selection of our Insignia lots inasmuch as a pre-harvest rain slowed down the ripening process and softened the tannins and grape flavors in our Merlot and Cabernet Franc. We consequently decided to add more Cabernet Sauvignon to the blend to give the wine "backbone," and our decision appears to have been a good one.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

60% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Cabernet Franc
20% Merlot

22% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
10% Backus — Oakville AVA
68% Trusted Grower fruit
including Stanton and Tench Vineyards

BARREL AGING

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