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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1985 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES The textbook growing conditions of the 1985 vintage have by now been fully documented, and the number of remarkable wines produced that year in the Napa Valley is almost staggering. Years from now, however, when it will be much easier to look back and select the best wines from this already impressive vintage, we're certain that the 1985 Insignia will be at the top. The mild growing season allowed fruit to ripen slowly and evenly, producing a wine with outstanding flavor concentration and sweet, integrated tannins.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

60% Cabernet Sauvignon
25% Merlot
15% Cabernet Franc

16% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
9% Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA
75% Trusted Growers — including Stanton, Tench and Eisele Vineyards

BARREL AGING

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