

JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1988 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES The 1988 vintage was characterized by reduced crop yields at harvest, but red wine grapes showed good color and proved to have remarkably intense flavors. The Cabernet Sauvignon component in this year's blend offers cherry-like flavors, while the Merlot adds richness and a touch of mint or spice, and the Cabernet Franc an exotic, tobacco leaf aroma. The result is a striking wine that at this point is still quite young and will improve for many years.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

50% Cabernet Sauvignon
30% Merlot
20% Cabernet Franc

24% Backus — Oakville AVA
1% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
75% Trusted Grower fruit
including Stanton and Tench Vineyards

BARREL AGING

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