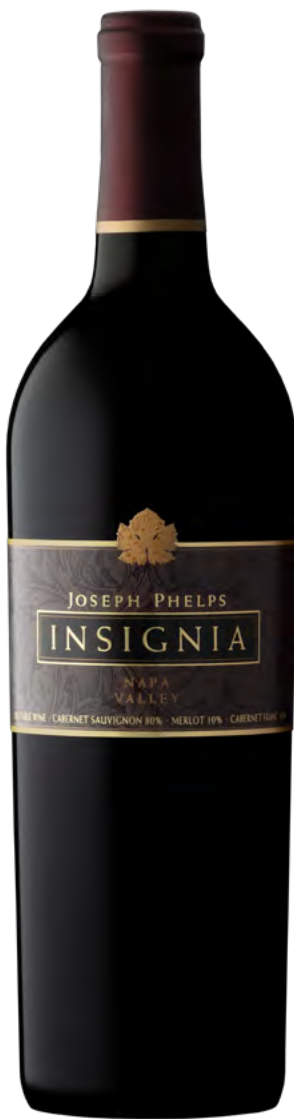


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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1992 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES Because of warm summer temperatures during the 1992 growing season, harvest came early, and crop levels were high. As part of good vineyard management, and to enhance the quality and flavor of the ripening grapes, our vineyard crew meticulously combed each row, removing immature clusters to increase crop uniformity, and thinning the leaf canopy to enhance berry color. By September, our efforts had paid off as we observed ripe, deeply-pigmented fruit hanging in our Las Rocas and Manley Lane vineyards. Although the harvested grapes contained slightly higher tannins than the previous vintage, the significantly lower acid levels provided superb balance and texture. The finished wine has deep, smoky aromas, lush blackcurrant fruit flavors, and a long, silky finish. We expect it to age gracefully for many years.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

67% Cabernet Sauvignon
33% Merlot
10% Merlot

50% Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA
32% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
18% Trusted Grower fruit

BARREL AGING

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