

# JOSEPH PHELPS

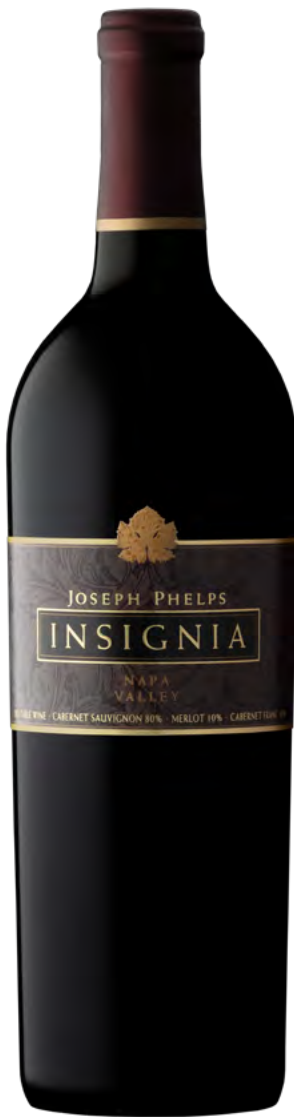
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## Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

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### 1993 Vintage

**ORIGINAL NOTES** The challenging 1993 growing season was characterized by hot, dry weather and a light crop, yet once the heat spell broke on September 3, the cooler temperatures promoted uniform ripening in the vineyards. In a vintage where colors tended to be lighter and tannins harsher, our Cabernet and Merlot grapes were small and deeply pigmented, producing a highly extractive, black/purple wine with complex flavors and smooth tannins. After blending and aging, this is proving to be one of the biggest Insignias produced in some time, with deep, pure varietal aromas, and remarkable depth of flavor. We can identify black cherry, black currants, spice and a touch of oak. Additional bottle aging will develop these flavors even further.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

#### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

88% Cabernet Sauvignon  
12% Merlot

37% Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA  
21% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA  
42% Trusted Grower fruit

### BARREL AGING

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