

JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1999 Vintage

TASTING NOTES The Insignia from this growing season is a deep, black cherry red color, with aromas of roasted black fruit, licorice, cedar and spice. The tannins are rich and full in flavor and texture to give this wine incredible depth and length in the finish.

GROWING SEASON The outstanding 1999 vintage was characterized by a long growing season which allowed flavor development to proceed at a measured pace. Temperatures were mild, there was no threat of rain, and warm weather in mid-July allowed the crop to mature into picture-perfect clusters of small berries which, by harvest, displayed optimal color, flavor and acid levels.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

71% Cabernet Sauvignon
21% Merlot
6% Petit Verdot
1% Cabernet Franc
1% Malbec

29% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
21% Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA
14% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
8% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
7% Barboza — Stags Leap AVA
21% Trusted Grower fruit

BARREL AGING

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