

# JOSEPH PHELPS

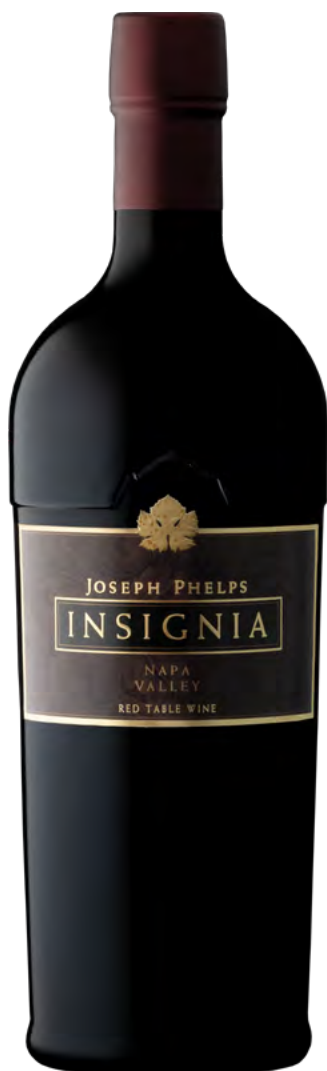
V I N E Y A R D S

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*Cabernet Sauvignon*

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NAPA VALLEY



## *2000 Vintage*

**TASTING NOTES** Concentrated aromas of black fruit, cinnamon, spice, tobacco, and graphite. Supple tannins with hints of cassis and spice finish long and rich on the palate.

**GROWING SEASON** With the exception of a short-lived heat wave in mid-June, Napa Valley experienced mild summer temperatures in 2000 which permitted slow, steady ripening of the fruit. Light showers at the end of August and cool nights kept the soil conditions persistently wet which slowed maturation. All Insignia grapes were brought in before late October rainstorms.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

#### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

77% Cabernet Sauvignon  
18% Merlot  
3% Petit Verdot  
1% Cabernet Franc  
1% Malbec

27% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA  
18% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA  
15% Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA  
11% Barboza — Stags Leap AVA  
5% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA  
24% Trusted Grower fruit

#### BARREL AGING

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