

# JOSEPH PHELPS

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## Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

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### 2002 Vintage

**TASTING NOTES** The 2002 Insignia is full of black cherry jam and allspice aromas, with luscious notes of boysenberry, ripe plums, toasted oak and tobacco. The exceptionally elegant mouthfeel coats the palate with layer after layer of tannin, followed by a lengthy, textured finish containing sweet oak notes and a hint of blackberry.

**GROWING SEASON** Consistent warmth throughout the summer, along with 20 days of morning fog for both July and August, resulted in vine development running at full efficiency. In September the weather pattern changed to high temperatures and dry winds. Fortunately, the summer months had promoted remarkably strong color and flavor development, enabling healthy vineyards to withstand the September heat and ripen to full maturity.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

#### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

78% Cabernet Sauvignon  
14% Merlot  
7% Petit Verdot  
1% Malbec

24% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA  
17% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA  
16% Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA  
14% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA  
13% Barboza — Stags Leap AVA  
1% Backus Vineyard — Oakville AVA  
15% Trusted Grower fruit

### BARREL AGING

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