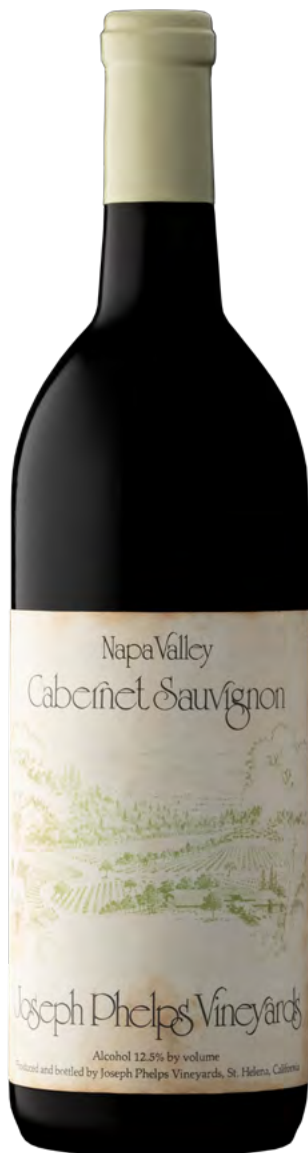


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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1981 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES Despite the record-breaking warm temperatures of the 1981 growing season throughout the entire North Coast, we encountered virtually no over ripeness in the Cabernet Sauvignon harvested that year, either from our estate-owned or contract vineyards. Indeed, the average sugar at harvest for this year's Cabernet Sauvignon was slightly less than that we obtained in the cooler 1980 vintage. If the warm weather had any effect on the fruit, it most likely accounts for the significantly lower tannin level in the wine. The flavors are rich though not intense, the aroma more of fruit and less green olive, and the finish is softer than any Cabernet Sauvignon we've made since 1974.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

86% Cabernet Sauvignon	30% Estate grown fruit
11% Merlot	70% Trusted grower fruit
3% Cabernet Franc	

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for sixteen months in 100% French oak barrels before bottling.