

# JOSEPH PHELPS

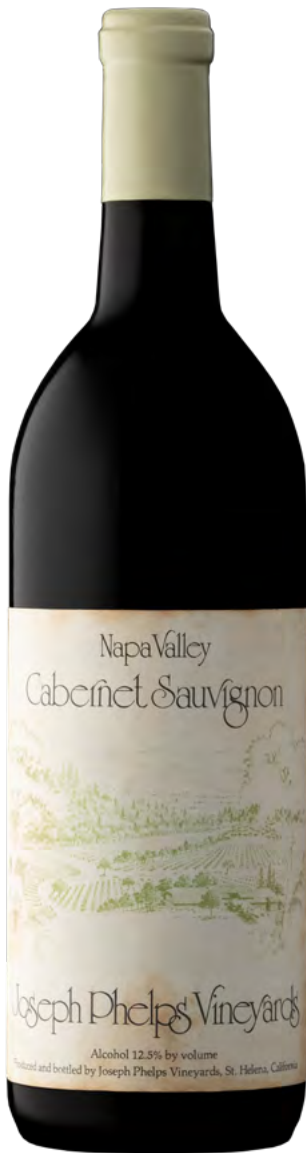
V I N E Y A R D S

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*Cabernet Sauvignon*

NAPA VALLEY

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## *1983 Vintage*

**ORIGINAL NOTES** Weather conditions were capricious in 1983 with showers in early spring, a warm spell in July, and intermittent rain in August, all contributing to a delayed harvest. Being able to rely on a variety of grape sources during such years is a distinct advantage because it ensures availability of the best of the crop. This year's blend is softer than the 1982, with sweet, cherry-like fruit and mild oak flavors and is, according to Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, "a clear-cut success".

### WINEMAKING NOTES

#### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

90% Cabernet Sauvignon	40% Estate grown fruit
10% Merlot	60% Trusted grower fruit

#### BARREL AGING

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