

JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1986 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES The 1986 vintage is considered by many to be the third in a series of outstanding years for California Cabernet Sauvignon, despite the fact that the harvest was interrupted twice in September by heavy rains. Those grapes which ripened in October, however, yielded an excellent crop, and we find our own blend from that year slightly softer and more approachable than its predecessors, with cherry-like aromas and flavors suggesting chocolate and spice.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

91% Cabernet Sauvignon	35% Estate grown fruit
9% Merlot	65% Trusted grower fruit

BARREL AGING

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