

# JOSEPH PHELPS

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## *Cabernet Sauvignon*

NAPA VALLEY

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### *1987 Vintage*

**ORIGINAL NOTES** The 1987 vintage was characterized by reduced crop yields at harvest, and our production of Cabernet Sauvignon was the lowest since the drought year of 1976. Quality is high, however, and this current offering contains subtle, earthy flavors that remind us of dried bay leaves and mint - probably from the Merlot component — along with the smoothness and concentration we've come to expect from our Stags Leap fruit. The wine is among the best Cabernet Sauvignons we've tasted from this challenging vintage, and supplies aren't expected to last past the first of the year.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

##### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

75% Cabernet Sauvignon	60% Estate grown fruit
23% Merlot	40% Trusted grower fruit
2% Cabernet Franc	

#### BARREL AGING

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