

JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1988 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES The 1988 growing season was a curious one, with warm weather causing early bud break, a spring hail storm reducing the cluster count during 'set', and overall crop yields that were down about 20%. The good news is that the smaller berries and reduced crop resulted in more intense fruit flavors.

The wine offers a bouquet of cassis and cherry, with the Cabernet Franc component giving a hint of tobacco leaf. While approachable now, it will most likely reward those patient enough to cellar it for a few more years.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

75% Cabernet Sauvignon
23% Cabernet Franc
2% Merlot

52% Estate grown fruit
48% Trusted grower fruit

BARREL AGING

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