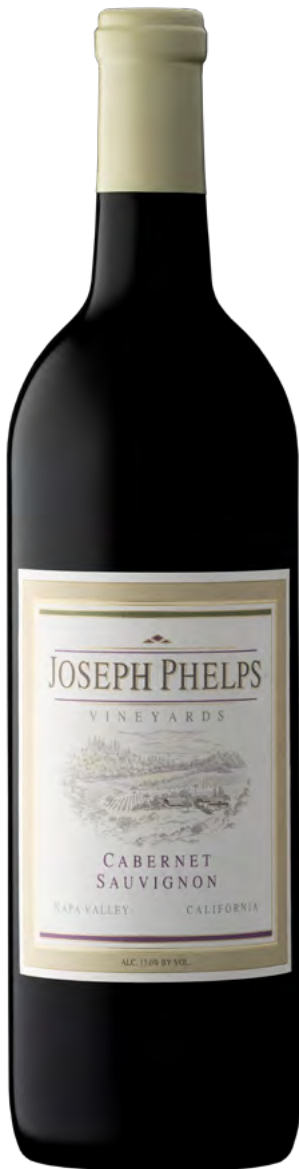


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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY



1991 Vintage

ORIGINAL NOTES The "Miracle March" of 1991 brought 17 inches of rain to the Napa Valley, alleviating 5 years of drought conditions that had reduced the water table to dangerously low levels. The effect of so much rainfall on the grape crop was dramatic. Vines remained dormant longer, bloom and set periods were delayed, and an unusually cool summer led to a late harvest. In the December 1993, Wine Spectator, James Laube described the vintage as "tremendous" for Cabernet Sauvignon, producing "ripe, rich complex wines," and our 1991 blend certainly bears this out. The slow ripening of the grapes provided near perfect sugar and acid levels at harvest, and the wine is concentrated and well-balanced with rich, luscious flavors of berry and cassis. We think it's one of our best.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

100% Cabernet Sauvignon	64% Estate grown fruit
	36% Trusted grower fruit

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 91% French oak and 9% American oak barrels before bottling.