

# JOSEPH PHELPS

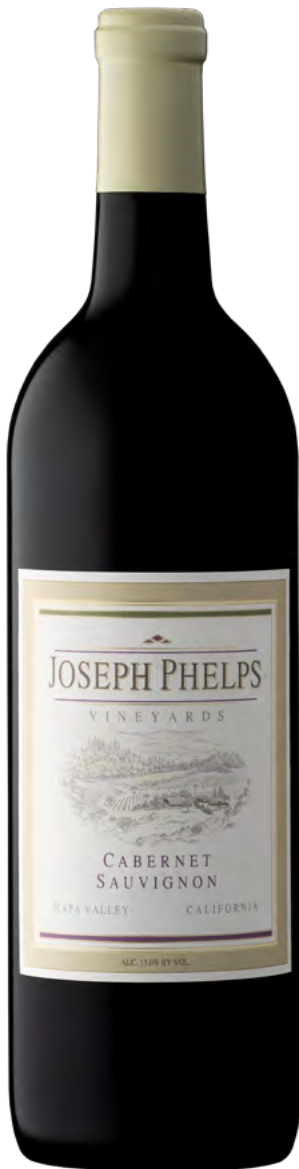
V I N E Y A R D S

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*Cabernet Sauvignon*

NAPA VALLEY

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## *1993 Vintage*

**ORIGINAL NOTES** The 1993 vintage was characterized by a long, slow growing season that culminated with a heat spell at the end of August. Vineyards that were able to withstand the heat saw cooler temperatures return by the first week in September, and acid balance, flavors and tannins were greatly improved in fruit that received the additional "hang time". Because the harvested berries were smaller than normal, grape yields were down, but flavors were concentrated and intense. In our own vineyards, as well as those contracted from independent growers, we harvested relatively late in the season, letting the quality of grape flavors and tannins develop to their maximum potential. The resulting wine has a sweet, round, full-bodied taste, with black fruit aromas and an intriguing spicy component that we associate with our Banca Dorada vineyard in Rutherford. Despite the challenges of the vintage, we consider 1993 one of the most successful red wine vintages seen in recent years, producing Cabernet Sauvignon with great depth of flavor and excellent aging potential.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

#### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

[ 100% Cabernet Sauvignon	58% Estate grown fruit
	42% Trusted grower fruit

#### BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for twenty-two months in 75% French oak and 25% American oak barrels before bottling.