

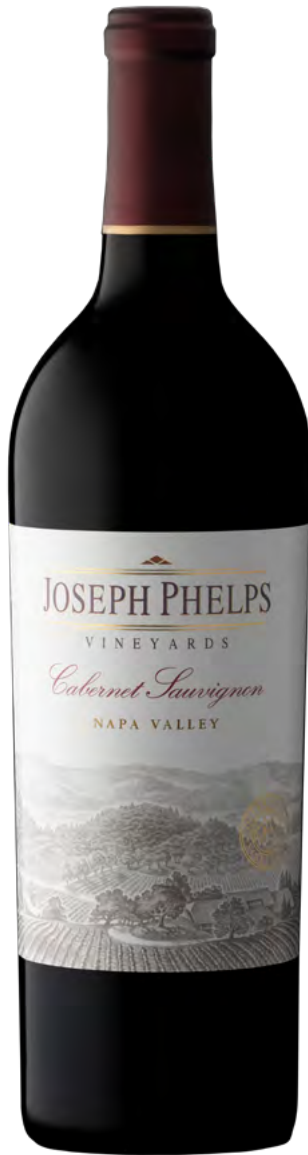
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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

1999 Vintage



TASTING NOTES 1999 is proving to be one of the best Cabernet Sauvignon vintages in the last 10 years. Concentrated ripe sweet fruit is complemented by roasted red and black fruit flavors and a smoky oak component. This powerful wine will continue to evolve for many years.

GROWING SEASON The outstanding 1999 vintage was characterized by a long growing season which allowed flavor development to proceed at a measured pace. Temperatures were mild, there was no threat of rain, and warm weather in mid-July allowed the crop to mature into picture-perfect clusters of small berries which, by harvest, displayed optimal color, flavor and acid levels.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

78% Cabernet Sauvignon	20% Estate grown fruit
22% Merlot	80% Trusted grower fruit

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for twenty months in 20% new American oak and 80% used French oak barrels before bottling.