

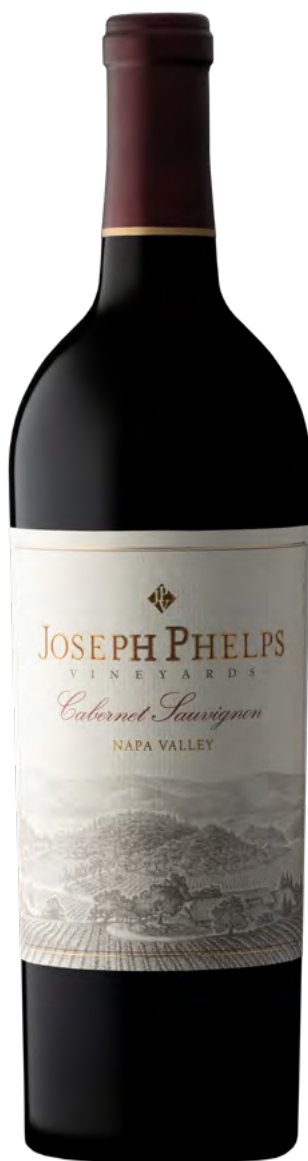
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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2000 Vintage



TASTING NOTES Despite the difficult weather conditions, when our Cabernet fruit was finally harvested it displayed deep color, dense, extractive flavors and near-ideal sugar/acid levels. The finished wine is softer and more accessible than last year's, with lush ripe flavors of cedar and cassis.

GROWING SEASON With the exception of a short-lived heat wave in mid-June, Napa Valley experienced mild summer temperatures in 2000 which permitted slow, steady ripening of the fruit. Light showers at the end of August and cool nights keep the soil conditions persistently wet which slowed maturation. All Insignia grapes were brought in before late October rainstorms.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

80% Cabernet Sauvignon	59% Estate grown fruit
10% Merlot	41% Trusted grower fruit
6% Petit Verdot	
4% Malbec	

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for twenty months in 40% new French and American oak and 60% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.