

1998 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Varietal Composition: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon and 16% Merlot

Winemaking: Forty-eight hour cold soak and extended maceration
Aged for twenty months in new and two year old Seguin Moreau
French Oak
No Filtration

Production: 500 cases

Winemaker: Bob Egelhoff

California Retail: \$55.00

Tasting Notes: Dark, brilliant ruby. Forward, expressive aromas of cherries, complimented by structured, rich red berry fruit flavors and creamy vanilla spice.

The Vintage: A relatively wet winter preceded a cool spring that reduced crop sizes. Summer was relatively mild with sporadic bursts of heat. A dry, warm fall produced grapes with ripe, forward fruit flavors.

The Vineyards: Planted in 1982, the **Sacrashe Vineyard** lies in the Rutherford appellation high above the Auberge du Soleil resort and 800 feet from the valley floor. The Cabernet Sauvignon from this vineyard brings structured concentration to the final blend. Located virtually next door to Sacrashe, the **Snowden Vineyard** provides the alluring aromatics of hillside grown Merlot. The Cabernet Sauvignon from **Steltzner Vineyard** in the Stags Leap District contributes ripe cherry flavors and soft tannins.

The Richard Partridge Story: Founded in 1998, Richard Partridge Wines are a sincere reflection of the finest vineyards in the Napa Valley. With a focus on Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, each vineyard is selected for its unique personality and exceptional character.