

# 1999

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

**Varietal Composition:** Cabernet Sauvignon and just a touch of Merlot

**Winemaking:** These grapes enjoyed a month of extended maceration that ultimately adds additional depth and richness to the wine. After fermentation, the wine was aged for twenty months in a combination of new and two year old Seguin Moreau and Demptos Allier and Troncais Oak. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

**Production:** 581 cases

**Winemaker  
Bob Egelhoff's  
Tasting Notes:** Dark, reddish ruby. Alluring aromas of blackberry and black cherry with hints of cocoa powder, anise and spicy vanilla. These aromas coalesce with the rich, full bodied dark cherry and plum flavors that climax with a long, elegant finish.

**The Vintage:** A wet winter preceded beautiful spring weather and a consistent, but small fruit set. Moderate temperatures prevailed during the summer and warm fall weather produced grapes with a great balance of ripeness and acidity.

**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 volcanic tufa dominated vineyard brings structured concentration to the final blend. The **McKinney Vineyard** near Yountville has excellent hillside exposures and provides silky, concentrated Merlot. Our **Stags Leap District** Cabernet Sauvignon adds the final touches of ripe cherry flavors and soft tannins.

**The Richard Partridge Story:** Founded in 1998, Richard Partridge Wines are a sincere reflection of combining the unique characteristics of the finest vineyards in the Napa Valley. Selected each year for their personality and exceptional character, these vineyards produce limited amounts of exciting Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay.

