



Dr. Crane Vineyard

2001 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HARVEST INFORMATION:

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation: Napa Valley
Vintage: 2001
Harvest Dates: September 8, 2001

RANCH BREAKDOWN:

Dr. Crane Cab Sauvignon 100% St. Helena

WINEMAKING INFORMATION:

Fermentation: Pasteur Red yeast @ 82-84F
Maceration: 2-3 days skin contact
Malo-lactic: Vinaflora strain ML bacteria
BBL age: 27 months 225 liter barrels
New oak: 100%
Primary Cooper/Blend: Vicard Prestige / Demptos Troncais

FINISHED WINE:

Bottled: February 11, 2004
Alcohol: 14.5%
Acid: 0.65 g/100ml
PH: 3.60
Bottle age before release: 22 months
Production: 146 cases

HARVEST NOTES:

The 2001 vintage was wild and crazy! The mild winter provided 20% less rainfall than normal, with a couple snow dustings in February, before some

warmer weather signaled the start of spring and the mustard bloom. A huge abnormal cold front out of Alaska in March/April provided us, along with our growers, with 10-15 days of stressful, sleepless nights with hours and hours of frost protection. Considered the most severe frost since 1972, vineyards without protection lost 10-50% of their crop. With severe heat in the later spring, grapes moved quickly ahead and the harvest was fast and furious. Despite the large numbers of clusters, crop set was lighter, thanks in part to the frost, and quality was very high.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

This is quite possibly the biggest "tannic monster" we have ever produced! Owing to the lighter crop set and earlier harvest the vines had no problem packing everything they could into these grapes, making the wine into a stack of complex richness. The Dr. Crane Vineyard was an early ripener in 2001 since it sits on a deep gravel alluvial fan in St. Helena, and the vines are very comfortable with stress and heat. The wine is black and inky, and exudes rich, red fruits and is laced with chocolate, coffee, and truffle flavors.

The finish is round and mouth filling and is extremely long and sturdy. This is a wine for extended aging.

All the best,

**Tom Eddy
Winemaker**