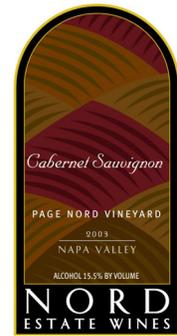




2004
Napa Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon
Page Nord Vineyards



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Overheard around the Nord dining room table..."We should change our definition of 'special occasion' for this wine. Like...It's Friday. It didn't rain today. The mailman came. And so on..."

Harvest Report

Sustained warm weather in March and April resulted in one of the earliest budbreaks in memory. Summer weather was mild, never passing the 100° mark. Earliness marked each stage of the grapes' development, with harvest beginning in the Valley in early August. The absence of extreme heat and rain during the ripening season produced a vintage of outstanding quality.

Vineyard

Known for its many vineyard designated Syrah wines, Page Nord Vineyards also produces Cabernet Sauvignon of the highest quality. Located on the north bank of Dry Creek, the vineyard benefits from the moderated heat and exposure that the mid-valley region enjoys. A flagship vineyard in the Nord's sustainable farming program, the site sees abundant wildlife resulting from its land and creek stewardship projects.

Vineyard Data

Location.....north Napa, Oak Knoll AVA
Elevation.....80'
Vineyard age.....planted 1997
Soil type.....Cole gravelly silt loam
Clone.....field selection
Rootstock.....110R
Spacing.....12 x 3
Trellis.....Split canopy
Row orientation.....90° (east-west)

Tasting Notes

Your taste buds are enveloped in this wine's silky smooth texture, leading to a complete, very pleasing finish. Flavors of raspberry and cranberry are complimented by hints of cedar and oak. A touch of cinnamon lingers in the finish. Medium tannins give a structure that is very complimentary to food.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand harvested in the cool morning hours. A relatively cool fermentation, coupled with twice daily pumpovers yielded a wine of great smoothness and character. A period of extended maceration followed the gentle fermentation, and a mix of new and old oak give medium tannins and a complete mouth feel. Wines were topped monthly and racked every 6 months.

Wine Data

Harvested.....9/23/2004
Harvest Brix.....25.4
Alcohol.....14.5%
Total Acidity.....0.61%
pH.....3.73
Barrels.....15% new French, 18 months
Bottling Date.....3/14/2006
Production.....251 cases
Composition.....90% Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Merlot, 5% Petite Sirah

Nord Vineyards: Sustaining Napa Valley's legacy of world-class wine.