

PEDRONCELLI

2007

**Cabernet Sauvignon
Three Vineyards
Dry Creek Valley
Sonoma County**

Three Vineyard Blend

Three of Pedroncelli's estate vineyards provided the fruit for this wine. Comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, these varietals develop exceptional character in the vineyards sites situated on the Dry Creek Valley bench.

This area receives the right amount of sun and cooling fog which develops optimal flavors in the grapes. Careful vineyard management during the growing season defines our style even more.

Winemaking

After four decades producing Cabernet Sauvignon in Dry Creek Valley, John Pedroncelli knows how to get the best from this noble grape. The grapes were harvested over the last week of September and the first week of October. The fruit was crushed into temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The frequent pumping of juice over the skins (known as the 'cap') during fermentation gives the young wine a substantial increase of flavor and color.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in small American oak barrels for twelve months in order to develop smoothness and complexity. A blend of 30% new French oak in the barrel aging program is used to bring a subtle backbone of toasty oak. With the addition of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, John is able to fine-tune this wine for optimum richness, flavor, and balance.

Tasting Notes

Rich aromas of ripe raspberry and cherry highlight this full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine is highlighted by bright acidity, in just the right amount to showcase the fruit. Plum, toasted oak notes and warm clove spice combine to round out the flavors. Framed by firm tannins and a lasting finish, our Three Vineyards Cabernet is ready to enjoy upon release or cellar up to five more years.



Appellation: Dry Creek Valley
Composition: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon,
12% Cabernet Franc,
10% Merlot
Aging: 12 months, French and
American Oak barrels
Alcohol: 14.4%
Acidity: .622g/100ml
pH: 3.62

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