



TASTING NOTES

Rich, violet red color. Layers of blackberry and cherry laced with a complementary hint of green pepper-like spiciness. The mouth lends itself to a bright acidity, in just the right amount to showcase the fruit. Lingering spice and firm tannins round out the finish. Our Three Vineyards Cabernet is ready to enjoy upon release or cellar up to five more years.

THREE VINEYARD BLEND

Pedroncelli estate Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc along with Cabernet from Wolff Vineyards provided the fruit for this Special Vineyard Selection. Each vineyard is located in a unique microclimate: western hillside, benchland or eastern hillside. These Bordeaux varietals

develop exceptional character on these sites. Dry Creek Valley provides the right amount of sun and cooling fog which develops optimal flavors in the grapes. Careful vineyard management during the growing season defines the 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 at full maturity and the fruit was then crushed into stainless steel fermentors. The frequent pumping-over of juice and skins (cap) during fermentation allows the young wine a substantial increase of flavor.

The wine was aged in small American oak barrels for fourteen months in order to develop smoothness and complexity in the wine. A blend of 25% new oak in the barrel aging program is used so that the fruit flavors are more forward with a subtle backbone of toasty oak. The blending together of the vineyard lots with the addition of Cabernet Franc enables John to fine-tune this wine for optimum richness and balance.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Composition:	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc
Barrel Aging:	14 months in American oak barrels
Alcohol:	13.8%
pH:	3.62
Total acidity:	.66g/100ml
Bottled:	June 2003
Production:	10,600 cases