



TASTING NOTES

Rich, violet-red color. Layers of blackberry and cherry laced with a complementary hint of 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, Merlot and Cabernet Franc along with two other growers provided the fruit for this wine. Each vineyard is located in a unique microclimate within Dry Creek Valley: western hillside, bench or eastern hillside. These Bordeaux varietals develop exceptional character on these sites. This

area provides the right amount of sun and cooling fog which develops optimal flavors in the grapes. Careful vineyard management (dropping fruit, canopy management) during the growing season helps to define the style even more.

WINEMAKING

After four decades producing Cabernet Sauvignon in Dry Creek Valley and working with the local growers, 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 fifteen months in order to develop smoothness and complexity in the wine. A blend of 30% new American 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 Merlot and Cabernet Franc enables John to fine-tune this wine for optimum richness and balance.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley		
Composition:	87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot		
Aging:	15 months in American oak barrels		
Alcohol:	13.9%		
pH:	3.57	Total acidity:	.65g/100ml
Bottled:	July 2004	Production:	9,000 cases