



TASTING NOTES

Rich layers of blackberry and ripe cherry are laced with a complementary hint of black pepper-like spiciness. The wine is framed by 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: western hillside, bench 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 our style even more.

WINEMAKING

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

The wine was aged in small American oak barrels for fifteen months in order to develop smoothness and complexity. A blend of 25% 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, Sonoma County
Composition:	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot
Barrel Aging:	15 months in American oak barrels
Alcohol:	13.9%
pH:	3.53
Total acidity:	.62g/100ml
Bottled:	June 20054
Production:	7,800 cases