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## FRAZIER WINERY

### **TASTING NOTES**

#### 1999 LUPINE HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON

#### NOTES FROM OUR WINEMAKER, JOHN GIBSON

As time has passed here at the Frazier Winery, we have learned a tremendous amount about the fruit which our estate vineyards produce. Due to the age of the grapevines, clonal material, soil, and solar exposure, some blocks produce very bold, tannic wines, while others produce softer, fruitier wines. Keeping in mind that we want the Frazier Cabernet Sauvignon to be complex, flavorful, and age-worthy wine, we have tended to leave some of the more user-friendly wine out of the final blend. In our earlier years, all wine which was not used was sold as bulk wine to other wineries. In 1997, we felt that some of those particular lots were too good to just bulk out, and so our Lupine Hill label was born.

Our intention for the Lupine Hill label is to blend the complementary lots of wine which will stand on their own as an every day drinking wine. As we all know, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons have greatly increased in price during the last decade. This Lupine Hill Cabernet is priced reasonably and is a great value for the quality of wine in the bottle.

The 1999 Lupine Hill Cabernet Sauvignon is an excellent example of our goals for the Lupine Hill label. Dark ruby red in color, the wine has the aromas of cherries, earth and hints of tea. The wine could be called a fruit bomb. Flavors of berries, cherries, and plums, with kisses of cedar and tobacco, explode in the mouth. With a sweet finish and without obtrusive tannins, this wine will be a fine addition to your dinner table.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvest Dates October 21 - November 5, 1999

Harvest Analysis 24.0 Brix, 0.52 TA, 3.65 pH

Barrel Aging Regime 16 months

Barrels French and American Oak (40% New Oak)

Blend Composition 96.5% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3.5% Merlot

Alcohol 13.6%

Bottling Date March 27, 2001

Production 438 cases