



FRAZIER WINERY

TASTING NOTES

2000 FRAZIER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Notes from our winemaker, John Gibson

The 2000 vintage at Frazier Winery was the beginning of a new era, with fruit from our new ten-acre vineyard coming into production. Two additional clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot were planted to further our goals of producing the finest wines possible from our estate. The 2000 vintage also marks the first with our new designation for this wine. Previously labeled as Lupine Hill Vineyard, we have chosen to rename our property as the Frazier Family Estate.

After the late harvest of 1998 and the even later harvest of 1999, 2000 took place in early to mid-October and it was completed before fall rains could intervene. The Cabernet Sauvignon was divided into 7 different pickings, the Merlot into 3, and the Cabernet Franc had its own picking. As has been our practice, the wines were cold-soaked for color extraction prior to fermentation, and then were left on the skins after fermentation for periods of up to 45 days. The free run was transferred to a combination of new French and American oak barrels for aging. During the aging process, the blends were assembled utilizing blending wines which were not previously available to us. We believe the 2000 Frazier Family Estate Cabernet Sauvignon to be our finest to date.

Tasting Notes

A vibrant wine of crimson color offers the aromas of vanilla, cherries, and cola. In the mouth, the wine has a silky texture and mouth feel free of harsh tannins. Flavors of raspberries, coffee, sage, tea leaves, and toasty oak are found in pleasing layers. Finishing long, sweet and smooth this wine beckons early consumption, but will continue to age nicely for 7 to 10 years.

Technical Information

Harvest Dates - October 16, 2000 to October 27, 2000

Harvest Analysis – 24.7 Brix, 5.0 gms/l TA, 3.72 pH

Pre-Fermentation Maceration - 72 hours @ 60 degrees F.

Pumpover Regime - 2 times/day with aeration until dryness

Maximum Fermentation Temperature - 90 degrees F.

Barrel Aging - 19 months in 85% new French oak, 8% new American oak, 7% 2-year old French oak

Blend Composition - 88.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6.0% Cabernet Franc, 3.0% Merlot, 2.5% Petit Verdot

Case Production – 2,264 cases

Alcohol – 13.5%

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