

FRAZIER



2003 MEMENTO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Harvest Dates:

October 16-31, 2003

Harvest Analysis:

26.1% Brix

3.9 grams/l TA

3.92 pH

Pre-Fermentation

Maceration:

72 hours at 60 degrees F.

Pumpover Regime:

2 times a day with
aeration until dryness

Maximum

Fermentation

Temperature:

90 degrees F.

Total Skin Contact:

37 days

Barrel Aging:

24 months in French oak

Blend Composition:

92% Cabernet Sauvignon,

4.25% Cabernet Franc,

3.75% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 15%

Case Production:

285 Cases

Notes from our Winemaker

Each year, we hope that Mother Nature will be kind to us during the growing season by giving us a warm spring, mild conditions during flowering, followed by a warm summer, and hot fall. These are the conditions which we have found to be the most conducive to producing the finest grapes possible. However, these conditions only prevail in about 3-5 years out of ten. The other years we experience strange weather patterns at strange times of the year. It is our job to react to those conditions and proceed accordingly to make up for the growing season's short comings. In the late summer of 2003 we were plagued by a series of heat waves with temperatures reaching the low 100's on three separate occasions. Although prepared with ample drip irrigation, some of the heat did affect our crop and we had to make the difficult decision to drop upwards of 50% of the crop due to dehydration in some of our blocks. The quality of the resulting wines was influenced by the smaller crop loads producing rich, full bodied wines with plenty of fruit and spice.

The 2003 Frazier Memento Cabernet is the epitome of those wines. Nearly black in color, this wine is perhaps the most massive of the Memento bottlings to date. It is full of dark fruit flavors such as black raspberries and cassis and highlighted by anise, chocolate, and toasty oak. This wine will undoubtedly reward its owner by being cellared 10 to 15 years before opening.

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