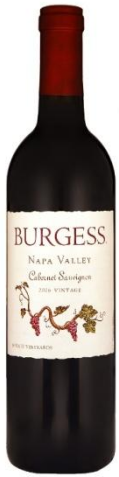




CABERNET SAUVIGNON – Napa Valley



Vintage:	2003
Appellation:	Napa Valley, California
Vineyard Locations:	Burgess Estate Vineyards, Western & Eastern slopes of Howell Mountain
Grape Variety:	79% Cabernet Sauvignon 8% Merlot 7% Cabernet Franc 4% Petite Verdot 2% Malbec
Winemaking data:	Alcohol 13.9%; pH 3.64; T.A. 0.58 100% Malolactic Fermentation

Description: This wine was produced from our winery vineyards on the hillsides of Howell Mountain. The vines were replanted in the 1970's and now show a high level of maturity and consistency. The qualities are further enhanced by the unique soil and terroir. We use the most modern fermentation methods to extract all the positive components and manage tannin extraction. Traditional élevage in French oak barrels adds a layer of complexity.

Vineyard & Wine-maker Notes: This vintage was close to our normal harvest dates. Our mountain-side vineyards are always 2 – 3 weeks ahead of the Valley floor because of their excellent drainage which moves the entire growing season ahead. The wine shows the complexity of the five-varietal blend. The vintage of 2003 was marked by a very warm harvest. This means the fruit from our vineyard, which normally has a spicy personality, is more towards the bright fruit character. The flavors are concentrated and the finish has a lingering effect. All the aromas are in balance with the wine's 100% French oak barrel aging influence.

Tasting Notes: (Updated Summer 2011): Still youthful with dark purple color and a gorgeous berry nose. Concentrated flavors of plum, blackberry and cassis. This wine is delicious now and should age well until 2014.

Cases produced: 6,200
Release date: September 2005