

CHAPPELLET



VINEYARD



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1978

*Napa Valley*

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY CHAPPELLET VINEYARD, B. W. 4537  
PRITCHARD HILL, ST. HELENA, CALIFORNIA ALCOHOL 12.6% BY VOLUME

Technical Data at Bottling  
May, 1980

Varietal Composition  
Cabernet Sauvignon 79%  
Merlot 21%

Residual Sugar Less than .15% (Dry)  
Alcohol 12.5% by volume  
Total Acid .63 grams/100ml  
pH 3.6

Total Production 7,000 cases

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In 1978 our vineyards, aided by abundant rainfall, rebounded from two years of drought, yielding a bountiful crop. As one might expect, the wine differs in some respects from the two preceding vintages. The 1978 Cabernet is young and somewhat closed in, but shows an underlying fruitiness not found in the harder, more austere years. As the wine opens up it reveals an already complex aroma of earth, herbs, fruit and oak with an emphasis on subtlety rather than concentration. This is not an overpowering Cabernet in the manner of our 1976, but is persuasively attractive when it comes to drinkability and current enjoyment. With three to five years cellaring, the wine will develop a mature bottle bouquet and thus further enrich its drinking pleasure.

Tony Soter  
Winemaker

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