

CHAPPELLET



VINEYARD

1980 CABERNET SAUVIGNON "SIGNATURE"

VINTAGE NOTES, WINEMAKER CATHY CORISON

Donn Chappellet has chosen to distinguish the 1980 Cabernet Sauvignon as the first "Signature" bottling. This designation will be reserved for those wines that are unquestionably outstanding.

The growing season in 1980 was classically long and cool with a fortuitous warm spell in early October, which brought the grapes to a perfect maturity. The grapes were harvested in mid-October at 22.5% sugar and unprecedented levels of acidity. A growing season like 1980 provides the exceptional flavor development and balance that results in great depth of character.

The 1980 Cabernet Sauvignon distinguishes itself with striking complexity of flavors and aromas in what is still a young wine. The structure is firm, yet supple, making it more approachable now than were earlier Chappellet Cabernet Sauvignons. This wine signaled its greatness early in its development and should continue to be recognized and appreciated for years to come.

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition: 90% cabernet
10% merlot

Residual Sugar: Dry

Alcohol: 12.4%

Titrateable Acidity: 7.1g/l

pH: 3.67

Production/Cases: 7,000

Bottling Date: August '82

