

CHAPPELLET



VINEYARD

1984 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, "SIGNATURE"

VINTAGE NOTES, WINEMAKER CATHY CORISON

AROMAS: Even in its youth, our 1984 Cabernet Sauvignon showed fragrant fruit and floral perfume; currants, plums, cherries and raspberries.

FLAVORS: Ripe berry fruit with subtle touches of chocolate, olives, mint, coffee and spice. This wine already shows remarkable length in the finish. Firm acidity and soft but abundant tannins give this wine the structure it will need to fulfill its considerable promise. This wine earns our highest esteem; it carries our Signature label.

VINTAGE NOTES: The 1984 harvest was the earliest and shortest harvest in our history. We started picking the Cabernet Sauvignon on September 1st and the entire harvest was completed by September 12th. Winemakers in the Napa Valley were initially leery of such an early harvest, presuming that the grapes would not have hung on the vine long enough to develop optimum flavors. Closer examination revealed an early budding season after a warm, dry winter, followed by a spring and summer with high daily temperatures and unusually cool nights.

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition: 85% Cabernet
15% Merlot

Residual Sugar: Dry

Alcohol: 13.2%

Titratable Acidity: 7.1 g/l

pH: 3.50

Production/Cases: 8,000

Bottling Date: August '86

