

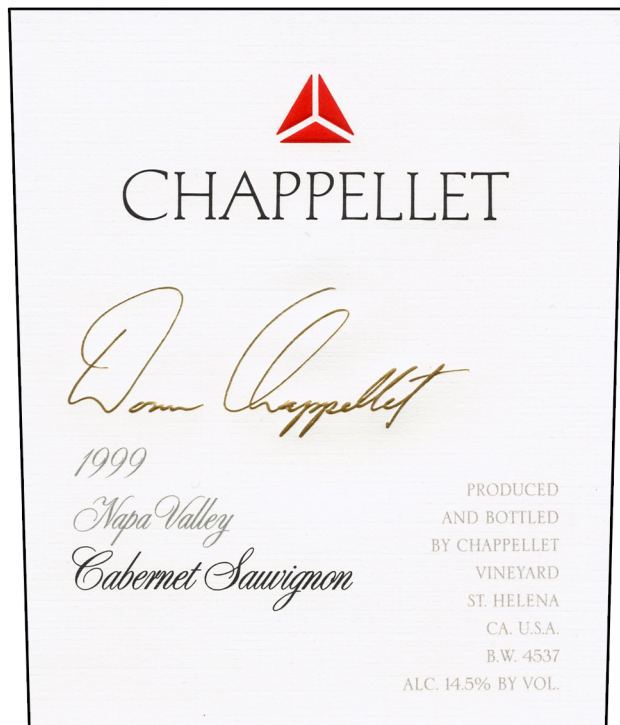
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VINEYARD

# 1999 SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*WINEMAKER PHILLIP CORALLO-TITUS*



## VINTAGE

The “Signature” Cabernet Sauvignon has been our flagship wine for more than three decades. It is a benchmark for the long-lived hillside wines of the Napa Valley; full of structure and ageing potential, yet seductively forward in its concentrated varietal character. The “Signature” grapes struggle to grow in the dry, rocky soils of Pritchard Hill with little or no irrigation. Crop thinning allows for full, even ripening and flavor complexity.

## GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

The 1999 growing season would end more beautifully than it began. Though the wet, cool weather delayed bud break 3-4 weeks, the subsequent mild-mannered summer allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and evenly. The arrival of a few perfectly timed heat spikes late in the season culminated in fruit with ideal sugar levels and acid content. After reaching peak flavors, we harvested the grapes beginning in early October.

## WINE STATISTICS

Harvested October 1–26, 1999

25°Brix at harvest

Bottled July 20, 2001

5,500 cases produced

14.5% alcohol

TA – 0.54 g/100ml

pH – 3.75

RETAIL PRICE

\$42.00

## TASTING NOTES

The red wines of 1999 tend towards lush intensity and balanced tannins. Our 1999 Signature achieves this masterfully with the added bonus of bright fruit expression, integrated oak and a rich finish.

A concentrated nose of cassis, dark chocolate, and cedar are highlighted by hints of oak sweetness. The soft tannins are layered with lovely black cherry and currant flavors. Patience will only reward those who watch this wine improve over the next two decades.