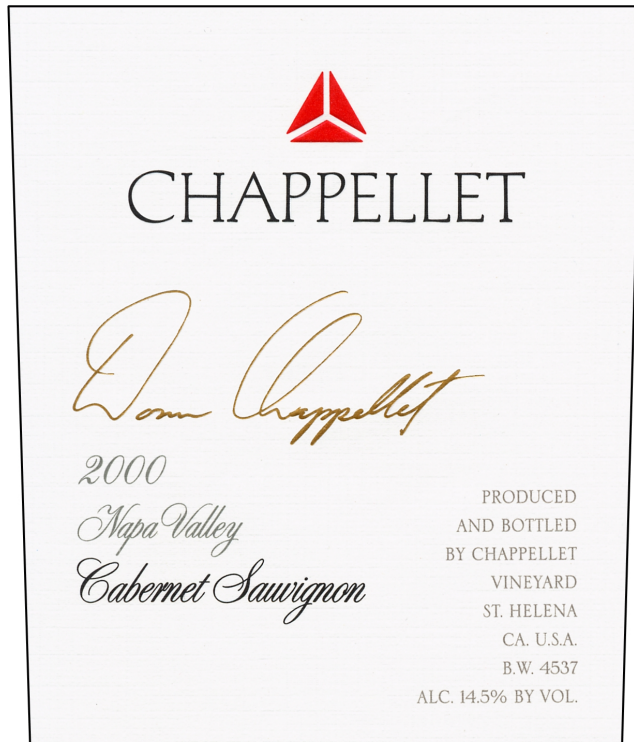




CHAPPELLET

2000 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 2000 growing season was virtually picture perfect. The mild, even weather allowed for slow, steady ripening and a consistent and evenly spaced harvest. With such beautiful weather and a long hang-time, the fruit developed excellent flavors and acid balance. The resulting wines have excellent color and fully developed varietal flavors.

WINE STATISTICS

Harvested October 3 thru 27, 2000

24.5°Brix at harvest

Bottled July 25, 200

5,200 cases produced

14.5% alcohol

TA – 0.55 g/100ml

pH – 3.66

Cabernet Sauvignon 76%

Cabernet Franc 10%

Merlot 10%

Petit Verdot 4%

TASTING NOTES

The 2000 Signature Cabernet opens with intense, dark fruit aromas of blackberry, currant, and dark cherry. The concentrated fruit is punctuated with spicy notes of anise and black pepper adding complexity and character to the nose. Layers of dark chocolate and roasted coffee impart additional depth and richness. The aromas carry through satisfyingly into the rich, mouthfilling palate. Baked cherry, toasty oak and hints of smoke and spice round out the flavors and lead to a long, flavorful finish. Enjoy now through 2012.