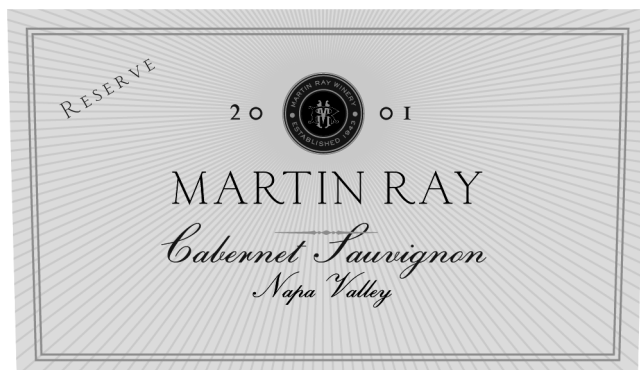


MARTIN RAY WINERY
2001 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY RESERVE



TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietals: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon

10% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot

Harvest Dates: September 25–28, 2001

Brix at Harvest: 25.8°

Alcohol: 14.7%

Total Acidity: .64

pH: 3.56

Quantity Produced: 1,010 cases

“Beauty’s every aspect should be perpetually valued, maintained and guarded.” —MARTIN RAY

THE VINEYARDS

The 2001 Martin Ray Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from selected vineyards in the acclaimed Napa Valley wine region. The sun-drenched vineyards nestled in the valley throughout the region experience typically brisk, fog-free mornings, normally accompanied by a consistent temperate climate throughout the growing season. These vineyards produce grapes of exceptional quality that allow us to create wines with intense aromatics, firm tannins and rich, concentrated flavors.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2001 vintage in Napa Valley was a trying season for the vineyards, much unlike the normal moderate conditions of the region. With winter rainfall below normal, followed by the dry months of March and April, the soil had little moisture content and the grapes grew faint with the early heat. The warm days of March subjected the grapes to the worst frost damage in thirty years when temperatures plummeted into the 20’s in April. Hot summer weather persisted until June, when relief finally came with cooler than normal months of July, August and September. The extended hang-time in the cool months of September allowed the grapes to become extremely concentrated in color, tannin and flavor, and rich with varietal characteristic. With lower yields and intense berries, this was an extremely high quality vintage.

WINEMAKER’S NOTES

“We add nothing to our wines, nor do we take anything from them. With infinite care, we leave them alone.”—MARTIN RAY.

We continue to carry out this wine-making method with our wines today by applying the intuitive wine-making technique of creating the perfect conditions in which a wine’s essence can unfold naturally. This time-honored approach depends completely on the winemaker’s ability to know when to step in and when to let nature take its course. Our Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep garnet color highlighted by enticing aromas of fresh, ripe berries and hints of spice. Lush flavors of blackberry jam and dark, black cherries complement the firm tannins and underlying accents of rich, toasty oak, leading to a full, lingering finish.