



1997 Santa Cruz Mountains Cabernet Sauvignon



Technical Notes
Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvested: October 10-20, 1997
Brix at Harvest: 24.5°
Alcohol: 14.5%
Total Acidity: 62
pH: 3.77
Quantity Produced: 395 Cases
Release date: September 1st, 2000
Vineyards: Cooper-Garrod Vineyards and
Fellom Ranch Vineyards

" A mountain vineyard is the most beautiful site on earth " - Martin Ray

The Vineyards

The Martin Ray 1997 Santa Cruz Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is the union of two distinguished Santa Cruz Mountain vineyards; Cooper-Garrod Vineyards and Fellom Ranch. These mountaintop vineyards are privileged with morning and evening fog, together with maritime influences from the Monterey and San Francisco Bays. These idyllic conditions lengthen the growing season, allowing the grapes to reach maturity with deep color and concentrated flavors.

Vintage notes

The spring and summer of 1997 showed good promise with an abundant crop. Rains threatened in late summer, but fortunately the skies remained clear until the grapes were harvested in mid-October. The harvest was up forty percent in some areas; fortunately, flavor was not sacrificed by this heavy tonnage. Many consider this vintage to be the best in many years.

Winemaker notes

After being hand-harvested, the grapes follow the meticulous winemaking techniques perfected by Martin Ray over 60 years ago. Although labor intensive, these techniques produce superbly enhanced flavors and textures in our wines. The Santa Cruz Cabernet Sauvignon is a distinctive wine with spicy, peppery aromatics, beautiful balance and solid structure. Due to its unique style, this wine will maintain interest and liveliness for many years to come. As with all our Martin Ray wines, the 1997 Santa Cruz Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon will reward the patient collector.