

MARTIN RAY WINERY
2000 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
DIAMOND MOUNTAIN VINEYARD



TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Date:

October 20, 2000

Brix at Harvest: 26°

Alcohol: 14.8%

Total Acidity: 0.61

pH: 3.89

Quantity Produced: 1,000 cases

“A mountain vineyard is the most beautiful site on earth.” —MARTIN RAY

THE VINEYARDS

The grapes for Martin Ray Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon are grown on the spectacular Diamond Mountain Vineyard, which rises between 1800 and 2100 feet elevation above the Napa Valley. The vineyards nestle on a northeastern slope, where mornings are typically brisk and fog-free, while northwesterly winds continue to cool the vineyard throughout the growing season. This unique mountain vineyard site provides a variety of soils, superior sun exposure and nighttime cooling; producing small, intense, full-flavored berries.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2000 vintage had a perfect start with bud break in the middle of March. The weather throughout the spring and early summer remained pleasant, and then July hit with a record heat wave. Cold temperatures slowed things down a bit in August and late September brought cooler weather, which allowed the complexities of the fruit to develop. Fortunately this was followed by warm weather, which completed the ripening process. The long harvest blessed our winemaker with additional time to concentrate on ripening the fruit to its peak maturity.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The winemaking methods used in creating our Cabernet Sauvignon are the same as those perfected by the legendary Martin Ray over sixty years ago. Although labor intensive, these traditional techniques produce distinctly enhanced flavors and texture in our wines. Open-topped fermentation and hand-punch down are time-honored winemaking practices, which create rich structure in the wine. Minimal SO₂ usage preserves fruit intensity and enhances the rich, round tannins. French barrels intensify the complexity and character of the wine. The 2000 vintage continues Martin Ray Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon's tradition of exceptional quality, structure and finesse.