



A mountain vineyard is the most beautiful site on earth. -MARTIN RAY

## 2002 SONOMA MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

THE VINEYARDS The grapes for the Martin Ray 2002 Sonoma Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon are grown on the slopes of Van der Kamp vineyard, which rises to 1400 feet elevation on Sonoma Mountain above the valley floor. The vineyards nestle on a northwestern slope, where mornings are typically brisk and often blanketed with fog. Warm summers and cool winters bless this region with fairly mild weather throughout the year.

VINTAGE NOTES The 2002 harvest was one of the finest growing seasons in the last decade. Average rainfall, moderate temperatures and consistent weather patterns during the year created the perfect scenario for the fruit to ripen and reach full maturity. Our winemaker is enthusiastic about the depth and intensity of the flavors, vivid colors, and well-developed tannin structure in the wines from this vintage.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES Our Sonoma Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is aged for 30 months in new French oak barrels. This hearty, bold Cabernet has a deep garnet hue with rich aromas of black cherries, luscious chocolate and an underlying whisper of blackberry. The rich, concentrated flavors include abundant layers of ripe cherries and blackberries covered in vanilla cream, leading to long, full finish.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST DATES | October 2–4, 2002
BRIX AT HARVEST | 26.7°
ALCOHOL | 14.9%

TOTAL ACIDITY | 0.63

PH | 3.56

QUANTITY PRODUCED | 200 cases