



THE GRADE
CELLARS

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Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation: Napa Valley
Proprietors: Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton
Winemaker: Rudy Zuidema
Release Date: April 2008
Release Price: \$120 retail per 750ml
Vineyard: Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown)
Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date: September 29 & 30, 2004
Vines: Block 1 – Clone 7/Rootstock 110R
Block 2 – Clone 337/Rootstock 101-14
Cooperage: 100% French Oak from Demptos Bordeaux,
Medium Plus, Toasted Heads
Aging: 14 months new Oak; 20 months neutral Oak
Panel: 14.4% Alcohol
Production: 240 cases

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

"This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is brimming with the essence of Calistoga.

"Its dark purple and blue pigments seem to stain the glass, while the aromas of slightly dusty raspberry, cherry, white chocolate and brown sugar jump out. Olfactory elements include tarragon, rosemary, anise, pine needle, forest floor and spice. Its very complex flavor profile is driven by ripe strawberry, chocolate and crisp black cherry pulling along more subtle flavors including leather, sage and fresh earth.

"Oak plays only a supporting role in this vintage, despite its extended aging, allowing the focused Cabernet fruit to take center stage. The texture is solid and rich - true to the very warm season of the 2004 vintage."
-- Rudy Zuidema

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