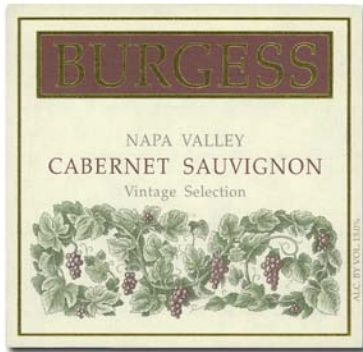


BURGESS

NAPA VALLEY



1997 CABERNET SAUVIGNON- Library Release



Technical data:

Brix 24.4;
Alc. 13.0%;
pH 3.68;
Total acidity .58
Varietals: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon
11% Cabernet Franc
9% Merlot

1997 Cabernet Sauvignon Vintage Selection

Description:

1997 was a vintage of great quality and quantity. A temperate summer with moderate temperatures allowed the fruit to reach optimal maturity with good hang time for the full development of character and flavors. This, along with the stylistic fruit from the Burgess Estate vineyard, produced a very complex wine with a depth of character achieved from this mountain location. There is a spicy quality that combines with the French oak, creating an aroma and flavor that continues through many layers.

Wine Maker Notes (Updated January 2009):

Like all in the Napa Valley, this was a near-ideal vintage. It was a very early harvest which had allowed for full maturity. The wine is showy, fresh, and deep because of mature fruit and soft tannins. Our house style is one that is to be food-friendly, with slightly higher acid than many, and of course our hillside vineyards are different too. That said, as a result, our 1997 Cabernet Sauvignon is still showing well, with a dark ruby color and without any advanced aging signs.