



Joseph Family Vineyards is a small family-owned and operated producer of classic Cabernet Sauvignon wines. Located in the south-east corner of the Alexander Valley, our vines climb a steep gravel slope above the Russian River valley.

This is the inaugural vintage of our JFV Cabernet, and was harvested the second week of October 2003. Our notes remind us that the late summer was cool, calling for longer hang times as the fruit reached optimal maturity. Our 12 acres yielded about two tons per acre.

The 2003 was made in a classic Bordeaux style, with extended maceration and aged in 65% French oak for 20 months. The wine has developed a sound tannic structure while retaining a soft mouth and smooth finish across the palate. We

are reminded of warm floral qualities redolent with flavors of cassis and stone fruit. The wine can be enjoyed immediately or cellared for up to 15 years.

Our winemaker, Scott Peterson, began working with our grapes over a decade ago while running the red wine program at Kendall-Jackson, where he directed our grapes into the winery's premier programs. Scott consults and produces his own artisan labels, including SP Drummer and Rumpus. Our vineyard manager, John Piña and his company, Piña Vineyard Management, has developed and cared for some of the finest vineyards in Napa and Sonoma for 40 years.

Technical Notes:

Alcohol:	13.9%	Cases produced:	456
Sugars at harvest:	24.6° brix	Harvest Date:	October 13, 2003
TA:	3.90 g/l	Bottle Date:	May 5, 2005
Acidity:	3.73 pH	Custom Crush:	Carneros Creek Winery

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