

1999 PlumpJack Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

THE VINEYARD ...

our 100% estate Cabernet Sauvignon is made entirely from grapes grown in the vineyards adjacent to PlumpJack Winery located on Oakville Cross Road, Oakville AVA, Napa Valley

HARVEST and HEALTH...

the grapes at harvest on October 2, 1999 were in excellent condition at 24.0 degrees Brix, measurable acidity of .51 and pH of 3.7 for a total of 10.21 tons

FERMENTATION...

ensued after a 12 hour cold soak when the must was inoculated with a moderate yeast and temperature-controlled until the wine was dry after a period of 6 days

AGING...

took place in a specially selected combination of 64% new French oak cooperage at PlumpJack Winery, where it remained for 20 months

> BOTTLING... took place July 22 through 25, 2001

OUR THOUGHTS...

convey excitement on this fifth vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon made from estate grapes grown adjacent to PlumpJack Winery in Oakville, Napa Valley, California. When enjoying this wine, we find an entry perfumed by violets and a hint of Chambord followed by notes of middle-eastern olives, soft tannins, cassis and star anise. True to its origins, classic notes of rich, ripe bing cherries, violets and sweet spice are counterpointed by hazelnut, orange peel and baker's chocolate, evolving into a rich, pleasantly intricate finish. This Cabernet's lingering, complex finish gives promise of a long life.



1999 PlumpJack Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Reviews

Robert Parker, <u>The Wine Advocate</u>, Closing Date August 2002 Issue 142

The 1999 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate is a sinewy, muscular, dark ruby/purple-colored, tightly knit effort with copious quantities of earthy, black currant flavors, underlying elegance, a tight, compressed texture, and an austere finish. It will age nicely for 15-20 years, but how much charm and flesh it will develop is speculative.

Wine Spectator August 31, 2002

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"A sleek, rich and beautifully balanced wine that combines layers of plush currant, black cherry and plum-laced Cabernet fruit with touches of earth, cedar and tobacco. The texture is smooth and tapered, and the aftertaste shows rich and lively flavors with depth and complexity. Best from 2003 through 2012. 7,000 cases made." (JL)