



2001 *Reserve* CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETIES: CABERNET SAUVIGNON

APPELLATION: PASO ROBLES

VINEYARD: EBERLE ESTATE

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

ACIDITY: .65

PH: 3.55

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0.05%

BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.4°

DATES HARVESTED: 09/19/01

DATE BOTTLED: 11/20/03

CASES PRODUCED: 348

RETAIL PRICE: \$65.00



HARVEST CONDITIONS

The 2001 growing season was an average growing year, with only two warm spells; the first occurring in late May and the second during late September. The remainder of the season resulted in typical warm days and cool, coastal evenings allowing the grapes to reach full ripeness while still maintaining good acidity levels. There was no rain during the ripening or harvest season. Harvest began August 29th and ended October 31st.

FERMENTATION

The reserve program is a very special bottling of barrels carefully hand selected by Gary Eberle and the winemaking team, representing the 'best of the best' of Eberle Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine is closely monitored during its maturation as it is allowed to age for twenty-four months in French coopered American oak barrels in the natural climate of the winery caves. Once the final blend is composed and bottled, the wine receives an additional three years of bottle ageing prior to its release.

FOOD PAIRINGS

In its youth, Eberle's Reserve Cabernet is best with hearty steaks and rich sauces which highlight and complement the lush fruit while softening its young tannins. With age, this wine develops a softness and elegance to become an entrée of its own when accompanied by an assortment of rich blue veined cheeses!

WINE DESCRIPTION

Eberle's 2001 Reserve Estate Cabernet Sauvignon represents a classic vintage of this truly Bordeaux-style wine. Intense aromatics of currant carries into the wine mingling with richly, layered flavors of dark, black berries with hints of toasted oak and a finish of firm tannins. An exceptional vintage to cellar and enjoy for many years to come!

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