



2003 Cabernet Sauvignon (Sonoma County)

This wine is a blend of several premium Cabernet Sauvignons and a Merlot from different appellations of Sonoma County. The Cabernets come from the Alexander Valley, the Dry Creek Valley and the Russian River Valley. The Alexander Valley fruit offers a briary component with dark chocolaty fruit tones, while the Dry Creek Valley fruit contributes bright red fruits with hints of tobacco. The Russian River Valley Cabernet has characteristics of brambly Blackberry fruits. The Merlot comes from the Alexander Valley. It contributes dark ripe plum tones with a lovely fudge character, and adds great mouth feel.

The resulting wine is well balanced and is an outstanding combination of these fruitdriven flavors.

The flavors of the resulting wine are those of a classic Cab/Merlot blend, with rich red fruit aromatic and lovely black fruits on the palate and notes of chocolate, cassis and tobacco. It is ready to drink now, with well developed tannins, but will continue to soften and develop for several more years.

Owl Ridge is in a special position to obtain small lots of premium wines that have been produced from the best vineyards in the region. We wait until we have the right wines in barrel to achieve the flavor profile that is characteristic of the best Sonoma County Cabernets. Then the wine is blended and bottled.

Only 350 cases were produced. The alcohol content is 14.3%.

Fifty cases are available with screw cap closures, the remaining 300 cases were closed with corks. We will ship wine with cork closures unless you specifically request screw caps.

Joseph C. Otos, Winemaker