

2000 Caravan Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Release Date	Winter 2003
Vineyard Location	100% Napa Valley
The 2000 Growing Season	A colder than average winter gave way to a cool spring. A cool summer led to a late harvest with additional grape hang time, adding to varietal complexity.
Varietal Composition	77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot & 3% Cabernet Franc.
Brix @ Harvest	25°
Alcohol	13.9%
Cooperage	100% French Oak - Francois Ferre, Siruge, Damy Alliers, Troncais – Medium Toast
Vinification	Small lot, destemming, with 30% whole berry. Cold soaking for 36-48 hours. Pressed at dryness with fractions kept separate. Pumped into barrels after 48 hours of settling. Barrel to barrel racking twice through aging. Bottled without filtration. Blended with minimal handling.
Winemaker's Comments	The 2000 Signature Caravan Cabernet Sauvignon is a proprietary red blend based primarily on the classic Bordeaux varietals with a focus on Cabernet Sauvignon. A spicy aromatic blend with a rich, concentrated mid palette that opens beautifully to reveal dark fruits, luscious cassis, and then finishing with deep espresso and chocolate notes. Approachable upon release, it will continue to age superbly with cellaring, for 5-7 years.