
CARAVAN



2001 NAPA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*The Caravan of life passes amazingly fast,
Seize each moment of your life spent happily.
O cup bearer! Care not about the tomorrow of my rivals,
Bring out the cup, the night is passing.*

- Omar Khayyam, The Rubaiyat

The 2001 Caravan is an estate-grown Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon which includes small portions of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Sourced entirely from our estate vineyards throughout the southern Napa Valley, the wine receives meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and minimal handling at the winery.

VINIFICATION

Hand harvesting into small baskets in the vineyard ensures no crushed fruit, while double sorting at the winery ensures the most consistently ripe clusters are utilized in each lot. Individual vineyard parcels are harvested, sorted, vinified and aged separately to identify and enhance their unique characteristics for the final blend. Our winemaking philosophy includes 30% to 50% whole berry fermentation, barrel to barrel racking through aging and bottling without filtration. All lots are aged in 100% 'Traditional' French Oak barrels (medium toast) sourced entirely from the center of France, from an assortment of premier coopers.

WINE NOTES

Caravan Cabernet Sauvignon shows spicy aromatics with a rich, concentrated mid-palate that opens beautifully to reveal Bordeaux-like components of dark fruits, luscious cassis, earth and cedar, then finishing with notes of espresso and bittersweet chocolate. Approachable upon release, the wine will continue to age superbly for several years.

