## 2003 Reserve Bordeaux Blend



Vintage/ harvest CS 10/17/03, M 09/17/03, MA 10/04/03, CF 09/28/03

Varietal composition

69% Cabernet, 15% Merlot, 11% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc

Various lengths of aging, but primarily new oak

Brix CS 25, M 23.6, MA 23.8, CF 25.2

**TA** CS 0.68, M 0.59, MA 0.78, CF 0.53

**PH** CS 3.55, M 3.63, MA 3.64, CF 3.65

Alcohol 13.9%

Awards

San Francisco Chronicle: Bronze

Riverside: Bronze

Northwest Wine Summit: Bronze

Wine makers notes

Another one of our traditional blends, this Bordeaux Blend is Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from the Arena Valley Vineyard, Malbec from Wood River, and Cabernet Franc from the University of Idaho vineyard north of Parma. Perfectly ripe grapes without excessive levels of sugar, a cold soak of the must followed by extended maceration and eighteen months in primarily new oak barrels has produced what I believe closely emulates the austere fruit and dark terroir of Bordeaux.

This Bordeaux style blend is layered and complex with notes of earth and tobacco with a long finish. Black currant flavors and ripe tannins from the Cabernet Sauvignon, roundness from the Merlot, silky tannins from the Cabernet Franc, and violet aromas and inky purple color from the Malbec.



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