

## 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer-Tokalon Oakville, Napa Valley

### Vineyard

- ◆ Owner: Andy Beckstoffer
- ◆ Appellation: Oakville, Napa Valley
- ◆ Clones: 337 & 4
- ◆ Yield: 3.2 tons/acre
- ◆ Site: Well-drained, lightly colored gravelly soils with high mineral, low organic content situated on the Oakville bench.

### Harvest

- ◆ Harvest Dates: October 23 & 24, 2000
- ◆ Harvest Brix: 24.5°
- ◆ Growing Season: Cool weather in late September and October extended the harvest, providing for enhanced flavor development. Crop size was limited due to diligent work in the vineyard to optimize flavor intensity and richness in the grapes.

### Winemaking

- ◆ Hand-harvested grapes
- ◆ Fermented in open-top stainless steel fermentors
- ◆ 5-day cold soak, 20 days on skins
- ◆ Fermentation with indigenous yeasts
- ◆ Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- ◆ Aged 19-months in *Seguin Moreau and Louis Latour* French oak barrels, 72% new
- ◆ Bottled June, 2002; unfiltered and unfined.

### Notes

- ◆ Brilliant, deep red/black color. Aromas of black pepper, sandalwood, and cassis. This is a rich wine brimming with the flavors of raspberry, red plum, and currant. The big fruit flavors are nicely balanced by firm tannins and a long, beautiful finish which makes this wine exceptional in its approachability. Alcohol 14.8%

687 cases projected production