

PAUL HOBBS

2002 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- ◆ OWNER: ANDY BECKSTOFFER
- ◆ APPELLATION: OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY
- ◆ CLONES: 4 & 337
- ◆ SITE: WELL-DRAINED, LIGHTLY COLORED GRAVELLY SOILS WITH HIGH MINERAL, LOW ORGANIC CONTENT SITUATED ON THE OAKVILLE BENCH
- ◆ YIELD: 1.7 – 3.2 TONS/ACRE

HARVEST

- ◆ HARVEST DATES: SEPTEMBER 24 - 25, 2002
- ◆ HARVEST BRIX: 28.0° - 28.1°
- ◆ GROWING SEASON: COOL TEMPERATURES AND RAIN IN SPRING LED TO A LIGHTER THAN NORMAL CROP SET OF VERY SMALL BERRIES. THE VINES STRUGGLED AND SHOOTS NEVER REACHED THEIR FULL HEIGHT, CONTRIBUTING TO INTENSITY OF FLAVOR IN THE FRUIT. CONSISTENTLY SPLENDID WEATHER THROUGHOUT A WARM SUMMER, COMBINED WITH ATTENTION TO THE VINES, RESULTED IN WINES SHOWING IMMENSE CONCENTRATION, FINE-GRAINED TANNINS AND EXCEPTIONAL STRUCTURE.

WINEMAKING

- ◆ HAND-HARVESTED GRAPES
- ◆ FERMENTED IN CLOSED-TOP STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTORS WITH INDIGENOUS YEASTS; 2 MONTHS TO COMPLETION
- ◆ 5-DAY COLD SOAK, 29 DAYS ON SKINS
- ◆ SPONTANEOUS MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION IN BARRELS; 5 MONTHS TO COMPLETION
- ◆ AGED 20 MONTHS IN TARANSAUD, SEGUIN MOREAU, DEMPLOS, RADOUX, AND BOSSUET FRENCH OAK BARRELS; 100% NEW
- ◆ UNBLENDED, UNFINED AND UNFILTERED; BOTTLED JULY 2004

NOTES

- ◆ INKY PURPLE-BLACK IN COLOR, THIS BROODING BEAUTY OFFERS AN EXTRAORDINARY NOSE OF BLUEBERRY, CEDAR, LICORICE AND SPICE. ON THE PALATE, BLACK CHERRY AND CRÈME DE CASSIS WRAP THEMSELVES AROUND A MASSIVE, GRAPHITE CORE. STRUCTURE AND POWER ARE COMPLEMENTED BY NOTES OF UNDERBRUSH AND SMOKE WHICH ADD COMPLEXITY AND INTRIGUE. OPULENT, WELL-INTEGRATED TANNINS BALANCE THIS BOLD EXPRESSION OF TO KALON FRUIT. ALCOHOL 14.8%

611 CASES PRODUCED