



1998 Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.2%
Release Date	October 2000
Case Production	1,500 cases

We're very enthusiastic about our first bottling of Napa Cabernet. Closely related but a separate bottling from the "Reserve" Cabernet, this wine reflects the unique personalities of three small hillside vineyards. You'll know this is Lewis from the first swirl of your glass! Intense oak spice aromas with cigar box and wild currants spill over the rim. Brooding, dark and smoky on the palate the wine turns to black fruit and chocolate flavors on the finish.

"Sporting the plushness and emphatic ripeness that have become hallmarks of Lewis Cabernets, this latest version is among the richer of the early 1998s that have graced our table. It begins with expansive, deeply filled aromas of blueberries, currants, cocoa and creamy oak and follows with broad, well-ripened flavors of a similar stripe. Slightly soft in balance and fairly fleshy in feel, the wine veers to dryness at the end, but hangs onto enough fruit to encourage half a decade or more of further time in the cellar."

- *Connoisseur's Guide*

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