

1990 JEFFERSON CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BLEND:	98% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Merlot
APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
HARVEST DATE:	First Week of September, 1990
ALCOHOL:	13.6%
pH:	3.62
TOTAL ACID:	.61
AGING:	24 Months in French Oak

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 1990 vintage was a textbook growing season in the Napa Valley. From budbreak in the early Spring through harvest in the Fall, moderate temperatures combined with a near perfect growing season graced us with high quality fruit.

Harvest 1990 commenced the second week of August with the first gondola of Cabernet arriving at Monticello the first week of September. The 1990 Jefferson Cuvée is a blend of six Napa Valley vineyards including our own State Lane Vineyard, with a small amount of Estate Merlot blended in as well. Wine made from these vineyards were kept separate during the vinification process to show all the soft, forward, complex flavors of black fruits and cassis. The 1990 Jefferson Cuvée was aged for 24 months in small, 60-gallon French oak barrels, adding a layer of sweet oak to its long persistent finish.

This Cabernet is enjoyable now and will age well, developing additional richness and depth of structure, for many years to come.