

# LADERA

## 2004 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Lone Canyon Vineyard

### Blend

100% Cabernet Sauvignon, 100% Lone Canyon Vineyard

### Vineyard Notes

The 2004 Ladera Lone Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon is truly an expression of the Lone Canyon vineyard. The unique terroir of this vineyard allows the fruit to showcase the vintage at hand. Lone Canyon Vineyard is located on the flanks of Mt. Veeder in the western hills of the Napa Valley. The ranch consists of 480 acres of which 75 are planted to vines. The topography is very steep in some areas with elevations reaching 1,100 feet above sea level. The elevations, as well as its specific location in Napa Valley, contribute to the unique climate at Lone Canyon. The clay loam soils are of moderate depth and are very well drained. The average yields for 2003 were 2 tons per acre.

The vines here range in age between 10 and 23 years old and include such clones as 4, 6, 7, 8, 169, 191, 337, 341 and Weimer.

The 2004 growing season was almost ideal. Budbreak was early after the rains stopped in late February. This was followed by a warm growing season and an early harvest with moderate temperatures and no rain. The end result of this unique growing season was a harvest of high quality and brilliant lushness to the fruit.

### Cellar Notes

Our 2004 Lone Canyon Cabernet's were cold soaked for upwards of 5 days before the commencement of fermentation. A combination of multiple strains of commercial and native wine yeasts were used. The average fermentations lasted 12 days. The free run wine was then separated from the skins which were pressed at several intervals of pressure; determined by taste and tannin intensity. The wine was then barrel aged for 22 months in French oak barrels (73% new). The wine was bottled August 23, 2006.

### Winemaker's Comments

The 2004 Lone Canyon Cabernet is a perfect example of how rich and lush the wines from this property can be. This wine is exuberant in color and the aromas are alive with spicy and herbal fruit. The nose provides earthy, brambly undertones with brilliant dark fruit. A full bodied entry hits the palate with flavors of dark cherry and licorice. The wine is layered with textures that are bold and masculine yet maintain tannins of a velvety character. The dark fruit flavors blend with the complex tannins to produce an extremely long fruit finish.