



2002 MERLOT, NAPA VALLEY

Miner's anything but ordinary Merlot merges Oakville's classic fruit intensity with Stagecoach Vineyard's characteristic complexity. Our two hillside vineyard sources located along the eastern hills of Napa Valley allow us to make structured, balanced wines with firm, velvety tannins and pleasant acidity. Gorgeous dark fruit flavors with notes of mocha and smoky oak lead into a long, lush finish.

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APPELLATION	<i>100% Napa Valley</i> 81% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon & 14 % Cab Franc	ANALYSIS	Alcohol 14.2% pH 3.57 TA .57
HARVEST	Sept. 18 - Oct. 5, 2002 Picked 24.9 Brix	PRODUCTION	532 cases
VINEYARD	48% Oakville Ranch, 52% Stagecoach Vineyard	BOTTLED	August 12, 2004
BARREL AGING	22 Months 55% New French Oak	NOTES <i>Suggested Retail Price: \$30</i>	
RELEASED	November 2005		

H I S T O R Y

Founded in 1998 by Dave Miner along with his wife Emily and his parents, Ed and Norma, Miner Family Vineyards produces small lot, handcrafted wines using fruit from Oakville Ranch, Ed and Norma's vineyard and other carefully selected California vineyards. We produce limited quantities of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Zinfandel, Sangiovese, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Viognier and Sauvignon Blanc using a combination of old world winemaking techniques and modern technology. The focus of our label is to produce high end, reserve style wines that reflect the unique characteristics of individual vineyards or "terroir" where specific varietals grow best.