



1998 CABERNET SAUVIGNON OAKVILLE



This wine was chosen by Bon Appetit Magazine as one of the top wines released worldwide in 2001...a heady accomplishment for a seriously maligned vintage. We feel that without a doubt, the key to this wine rests squarely on the shoulders of the enormously compelling mountain grown fruit. Picked high above the valley floor, nearly 1500 feet above sea level, our Cab grapes reside within a low-yielding mountainous vineyard planted over rocky, volcanic soil. Deep, dark, rich and extremely focused, this is truly what great Oakville Cab is all about.

APPELLATION	<i>Oakville 90% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Merlot, 4% Cab Franc</i>	ANALYSIS	<i>Alcohol 14.3% pH 3.51 TA .59</i>
HARVEST	<i>Oct 13-Nov 9, 1998 Picked 24.6 Brix</i>	PRODUCTION	<i>3982 Cases</i>
VINEYARD	<i>90% Oakville Ranch 10% Emilio's Terrace</i>	BOTTLED	<i>Unfiltered September 9, 2000</i>
BARREL AGING	<i>23 Months French & American Oak 60% New Oak</i>	NOTES <i>"This is what good Napa Cabernet is all about-dark, sweet fruit, cassis and blackberry, clean and minty, chocolately, correctly tannic. The nose and the palate mirror each other. Sometimes, wines this rich come off a bit muddy, undefined; this one is translucent, with clear flavors. A dark beauty that has very good aging potential, but drinks prettily right now." -Madeline Triffon, Master Sommelier, Wine Director, Unique Restaurant Corp.</i>	
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H I S T O R Y

Founded in 1998 by Dave Miner, President of Oakville Ranch Vineyards, along with his wife Emily and his parents, Ed and Norma, Miner Family Vineyards produces small lot, hand crafted 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, Cabernet Franc, 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.