

Davis Family Vineyards

2002 Cabernet Sauvignon, Dry Creek Valley

Many of the old time wine merchants say that Cabernet is King. The restaurant sommeliers claim they sell more Cabernet from their list than any other varietal. Collectors claim it ages better and pays more rewards to those who have the patience to cellar it than other varietals.

Who am I to argue! I have made Cabernet Sauvignon since the beginning of my winemaking career.

With this 2002 vintage, I made just 150 cases of Cabernet from a high mountain vineyard in Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley. I used my style of ripeness and balance – **focusing** on velvety texture, by ripening and extracting tannins that are rich and mouthcoating, not harsh or astringent...on the complexity, the layers of balanced flavors rather than one single heavy handed element, accentuating the juicy character of the vineyard, not the oak barrels or the process.

The Dry Creek vineyard is close to the coast, and although warmer than the Russian River Vineyards at our home that hosts the wonderful Pinot Noir, it is still not as warm as the Napa Valley. This leaves the sense of sun baked herbs and baking spices more forward in the Dry Creek; still very rich but slightly more elegant. Many claim that our Dry Creek Cab is **the** perfect food wine – but you be the judge, because there is no loser...and you and your dinner guests will be the true winners – prepare some good food, invite a few good friends and open a bottle – It's a perfect evening!!

Enjoy!

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