



VINTAGE

The 2004 vintage started with an early spring giving the vines a boost to start off their growing season. This strong start was followed by a warm, consistent weather pattern in summer that ended with several hot fast ripening periods. This short and sweet harvest produced a memorable 2004 vintage with low yield, high quality grapes characterized by ripeness and intensity.

VINEYARD

Our estate vineyards are on the steep, volcanic slopes of Mount Veeder in Napa Valley, located in the southern portion of the Mayacamas Mountains what divide Napa and Sonoma counties. Reaching in altitude to 2,000 feet, these vineyards consist of rocky sedimentary soil, which restricts vine growth and produces small berries with intense color and flavors. The 2004 Lion is sourced from select blocks of Veeder Hills Ridge 4. This vineyard site consistently balances the stress on the vines that creates its signature complex flavor profile with optimum exposure that insures full ripening. The Petit Verdot grapes are from a low yielding (less than 3 tons per acre) block near the top of Mount Veeder on our Veeder Crest Vineyard.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

We add a small percentage of Petit Verdot to this Cabernet Sauvignon as this varietal accents the intensity, complexity and color of the wine, which is dense and dark. Aromas open with rose petal, clove currant and nutmeg. On the palate the wine is packed with black cherry, brambly blackberry and vanilla, with nuances of mineral flintiness. The texture is mouth-coating, redolent of chocolate and maple, evolving into elegant, seamless tannins that linger into the finish. The Lion represents Mount Veeder's signature high elevation personality of Cabernet Sauvignon that speaks to the tension between power and elegance.

BLEND: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot
ALCOHOL: 14.5% | PH: 3.9 | TA: 0.54 g/100mL

APPELLATION: Mount Veeder—Napa Valley
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