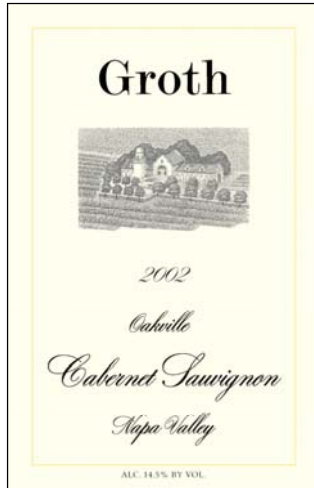




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VINEYARDS & WINERY
Rooted in Oakville

2002 CABERNET SAUVIGNON OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY



Vintage: The 2002 harvest was characterized by a diversity of temperatures and yields that resulted in red wines of fabulous color and concentration. A mild growing season with occasional heat spikes brought the grapes into the winery with exceptional development and character. The fall heat spikes caused a certain amount of “harvest compression” allowing us to harvest the physiologically mature red grapes in a relatively short period.

Harvest: The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit is grown on our Estate controlled vineyards, in the Oakville AVA, in the heart of the Napa Valley. The Oakville District is renowned for its Cabernet Sauvignon and produces wines that are full, lush and very elegant.

Winemaking: Fermentation was carried out over a seven-day period in small, temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at an average temperature of 80 F. After pressing and settling, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels for aging. The sweet vanilla character derived from 23 months in the barrels blends well with the black cherry and blackberry flavors and aromas of the wine. Blending with the Merlot occurs just prior to bottling.

Winemaker Tasting notes: The 2002 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon continues our pursuit of excellence from the Oakville AVA. This outstanding vintage shows the ultimate character that we expect from our estate vineyards. With full, rich aromas and flavors redolent of ripe stone fruit and dark berries, the 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon is a lush wine with a subtle tannin backbone that will allow the wine to become more complex with proper bottle age.

Menu suggestion: “Flank steak, marinated in a soy/honey/ginger mix, grilled over French oak barrel stave coals is heaven with this wine!” – Michael Weis, Winemaker

Key Points

- Oakville Appellation
- Cabernet Sauvignon 76%, Merlot 24%
- Cabernet Fruit, 100% Estate Oakville Appellation
- Aged in French oak barrels for 23 months, 50% new oak.
- Lush flavors with subtle tannin backbone
- Bottled in January 2005
- Will age beautifully for the next 10-15 years

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