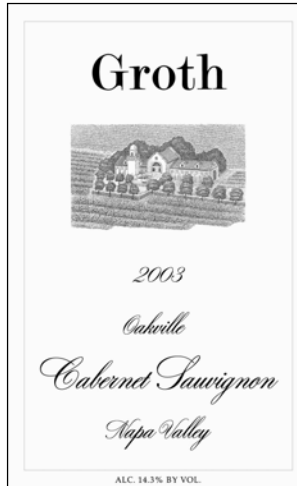




Groth
VINEYARDS & WINERY
Rooted in Oakville

2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY



Vintage: A very cool/damp Spring got the vines off to a relatively slow start on their path to maturity. There were some occasional heat spikes in Summer which accelerated some of the vines to maturation. The weather cooled and Fall turned out to be beautiful! The temperate Fall allowed the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon to reach a wonderful level of physiological maturity and to ripen on-time. Overall quality was excellent with strong sugars, good acidities, great colors and wonderful textures.

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 ten-day period in small, temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at an average temperature of 85 F. After pressing and settling, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels for aging. The sweet vanilla character derived from 20 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 2003 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 2003 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: “A slab and a Cab”, Dennis Groth recommends you drink his Cabernet Sauvignon with steak.

Key Points

- Oakville Appellation
- Cabernet Sauvignon 81%, Merlot 19%
- Aged in French oak barrels for 20 months, 50% new oak.
- Lush flavors with subtle tannin backbone
- Bottled in August 2005
- Will age beautifully for the next 10-15 years

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