



## ***2004 Mauritson Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon***

Production: Approximately 680 cases

Appellation: Sonoma County

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards: Dry Creek Cabernet Block 3, Alexander Valley Cabernet "B"  
Rockpile "Gloeckner Turner" Vineyard

Alcohol: 14.1 % by volume

Aging: 28 months oak barrels  
100% French

### **Winemaker Notes**

When I think of what makes Sonoma County wines special, the first thing that comes to mind is diversity. Diversity of: appellations, climates, soils, temperatures, elevations, slopes, drainages and so on. Where else can you grow coastal climate, mountainous, river valley, bench land, and valley floor fruit in a 10 miles radius? It is precisely this range of growing conditions that make our Cabernet so special. We are sourcing fruit from three different growing regions, with very distinct flavors and characteristics.

The wine is definitely a sum of its parts. Each of the vineyards brings a unique characteristic to the blend. In the front palate and the nose, it is all Dry Creek Cabernet: bright fruit, hints of mineral, and supple tannins. The mid palate is where the Alexander Valley fruit shows its stuff: signature chalky, dusty tannins, lush mouth feel and ripe red fruit. Last but certainly not least, this is the first year we have been able to use the incredible Rockpile Cabernet in our blend. These are the ties that bind it all together. The amazing intensity of the fruit is discernable from start to finish. The finely grained tannins not only compliment the structure of the other vineyards, but give the wine its back bone that will allow it to age gracefully for the next 7-10 years.

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