



RUBISSOW



2004 Rubissow-Sargent Reserve

With Rubissow-Sargent Reserve, we pay homage to founders George Rubissow & Tony Sargent, and to the elegant, lusty power of our hillside Mt. Veeder estate vineyards.

APPELLATION

100% Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley - Rubissow Vineyards.

PRODUCTION

12/750 ml - 96 cases

BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon 100% - "Francisca" and "Alexis" blocks.

WINEMAKER NOTES

NOSE: Voluminous. Plush layers of cherry, spice, roasted pecan and dark chocolate.

TASTE: Powerful, deep, rich, juicy plum and blackberry fruit balanced with ripe tannins and long lingering flavors of coffee, sweet oak, vanilla and black cherry. Approachable now, though built for aging. Will improve through 2012+.

TECHNIQUE: Just 4 barrels were individually selected for this Reserve from our overall 26 barrels of 2004 Cabernet. To be selected the wine must be extraordinarily complex and layered. Hand sorted fruit, fruit destemmed and berries barely broken, 5 day cold soak, wild and inoculated fermentations, all small lot (less than 1 ton) open top fermentors, hand punch downs and pumpovers two to three times daily, malolactic completed in barrel, minimal handling, bottled UNFINED and UNFILTERED.

HARVEST DATES

October 21-30, 2004

FERMENTATION

24-35 days before pressing.

BARREL AGING

20 months in French Medium Toast Tronçais & Alliers forest oak - Boutes, Bel Air, St. Martin and Sylvain artisan cooperages.

ALCOHOL BY VOL

14.7%

WINEMAKER

Timothy Milos

Accolades

"Fragrant, dense and smooth with exquisite plum and blackberry fruit; big, intense but showing great length, elegance and complexity."

95 POINTS

ANTHONY DIAS BLUE - Blue Reviews
February 2008

"Rich and bold. Some people dub this style "killer cab." It is."

ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
Gannett Newspapers WINE PICKS
February 28, 2008

90 POINTS

Wine Enthusiast Magazine - May 2008

"Bosky cherry scents last through this potent, mountain-grown cabernet. The middle is dense with black fruit, the finish potent and robust, ending on a smoky earthiness that brings wild mushrooms to mind. Built to age."

91 POINTS

Wine & Spirits Magazine - June 2008