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**2002 Q HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY**

COMPOSITION:	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINEYARDS:	100% Q HILL VINEYARD, WOODEN VALLEY, NAPA VALLEY
HARVEST DATES:	OCTOBER 2, 2002
BRIX AT HARVEST:	25.9
FINISHED PH	3.36
FINISHED TA	0.74 G/100ML
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
WINEMAKER:	KAREN CULLER
PRODUCTION:	244 CASES
RELEASE DATE:	FALL 2006
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$45.00 PER BOTTLE

VINEYARD: THE Q HILL VINEYARD WAS PLANTED BY SALVADOR RENTERIA IN 1974 IN WOODEN VALLEY, A SMALL VALLEY WITHIN NAPA VALLEY. THIS REGION IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF NAPA VALLEY AND HAS A MORE CONTINENTAL MICROCLIMATE THAN MOST OF SOUTHERN NAPA VALLEY---LESS FOG, WARMER DAYS AND NIGHTS DURING THE GROWING SEASON AND COOLER TEMPERATURES IN THE DORMANT SEASON.

Q HILL IS ONE OF THE FEW HILLS IN THIS VINEYARD AND WAS PLANTED ENTIRELY TO CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CLONE 7, ON AxR ROOTSTOCK. BECAUSE IT WAS PLANTED ON A PHYLLOXERA SUSCEPTIBLE ROOTSTOCK, IT WAS ABANDONED IN THE EARLY 1990'S, AWAITING ITS TURN FOR REPLANTING. OSCAR RENTERIA, SALVADOR'S SON, REMEMBERS HIS FATHER TALKING ABOUT THE WONDERFUL GRAPES GROWN ON Q HILL AND HE STARTED TO PRUNE THE VINES AGAIN TO MAKE THEM PRODUCTIVE IN TIME FOR THE 1997 HARVEST. THE VINES ARE EXTREMELY LOW YIELDING, USUALLY LESS THAN 1 TO 1.5 TONS PER ACRE, WITH VERY FEW CLUSTERS AND TINY BERRIES.

VINTAGE: Q HILL VINEYARD ALWAYS PRODUCES A WINE THAT IS VERY FULL, FORWARD AND HAS FIRM TANNINS AND ABUNDANT ACIDITY. BECAUSE THE TANNINS NEED TIME TO AGE AND THE ACIDITY ALLOWS THIS, THE WINE BENEFITS FROM A LONGER AGING TIME THAN MOST NAPA VALLEY CABERNETS. THIS WINE SHOULD REACH MATURITY IN 15-20 YEARS. IT WAS BOTTLED ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

TASTING NOTES: THE 2002 VINTAGE WAS IDEAL IN TERMS OF GROWING CONDITIONS AND THE WINES FROM IT ARE RICH AND PLUSH. THIS WONDERFUL YEAR ADDED TO THE RICHNESS THAT IS ALWAYS PRESENT IN Q HILL WINES AND ADDED A LUSH MIDDLE PALATE AS WELL. BECAUSE OF THE HILLSIDE LOCATION, THE WARMER GROWING REGION AND THE LOW YIELD, THE WINES FROM Q HILL ARE VERY FIRM AND HIGHLY STRUCTURED WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF ACIDITY. THE AROMA IS A CLASSIC NAPA VALLEY CABERNET OF DARK FRUIT-BLACKBERRY AND CURRANT WITH LEATHER AND ANISE NOTES.

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