

Renteria

1999 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

COMPOSITION:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
VINEYARDS:	100% Napa Valley: 76% "Q.Hill" Wooden Valley 24% Baldacci Vineyard, Stag's Leap District
COOPERAGE:	42% new French Oak barrels, aged for 22 months
ALCOHOL:	14.1%
CELLARING CAPABILITIES:	The 1999 vintage was an excellent year leading to the cellaring capabilities of 8-12 years on this wine.

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TASTING NOTES: The 1999 vintage was extraordinary in the Napa Valley. It started with a cool season, lasting through veraison. Then there was a short heat spell during maturation, which pushed the grapes through ripening. Both of these weather patterns contributed to stellar grape and wine quality in 1999.

The 1999 Renteria Cabernet Sauvignon was primarily (76%) grown in Wooden Valley, in an old hillside vineyard. It was planted in the '70's, but looks even older. The vines are extremely low yielding, usually less than 1-1.5 tons per acre, with very few clusters and very small berries. The richness and thick texture in the wine comes from these low yields. The wines from this vineyard always have a very nice acidity, which maintains the freshness and contributes to its longevity.

The balance of the wine was grown in the Stag's Leap District. The Stag's Leap wines tend to have excellent balance with soft tannins and distinct aromatics of berries and dark fruits. All of these characteristics balance the rich and tannic distinctiveness of the Wooden Valley Cabernet to make the Renteria Cabernet Sauvignon a truly remarkable wine.

CASES PRODUCED: 612

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$48.00

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