

# SALVA TIERRA

## 2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

<b>COMPOSITION</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>COOPERAGE</b>	Aged in 40% new French oak barrels
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.4%
<b>CASES PRODUCED</b>	473 cases
<b>VINEYARDS</b>	52% Rowe Vineyard 48% Stags Leap District

The Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon grapes for this wine came from the Baldacci Vineyard in the Stags Leap District. It was planted in 1985 on St. George rootstock using Cabernet clone 2. The vines are planted in the old style of Napa Valley, with wider spacing and thus bigger vines. These vines have the advantage of producing many, small berried clusters which lead to more character in the wine. The yields are low at 3 tons per acre. The Rowe Vineyard is located in southwest Napa on an east facing slope. This hillside vineyard was planted in 1990 to 3 clones of Cabernet Sauvignon; 337, 15 and 7.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2003 Salva Tierra Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic Napa Valley Cabernet with rich, deep, toasty and berry aromas and a full meaty texture. The Rowe Vineyard's hillside location provides the firm structure, while the Stags Leap vineyards give the wine added depth and finesse, which softens the wine and brings out its elegance.

The 2003 vintage was a cool year and the grapes matured later than normal, with harvest in late October. These growing conditions resulted in mature, soft tannins and the wines are approachable earlier than normal Napa Valley vintages. This wine should mature well for the next 10 years.

**WINEMAKER** Karen Culler

**SUGGESTED RETAIL** \$25.00

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