



2002 Foothills Reserve Santa Ynez Valley

The 2002 Foothills Reserve is our fourth vintage and the finest effort to date of this Bordeaux-style blend. The Cabernet Franc and Merlot were sourced from the exciting new Happy Canyon region (located in the eastern portion of the Santa Ynez foothills, at the base of the San Raphael Wilderness) and the Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from Ballard Canyon in the heart of the Santa Ynez Valley.

The 2002 version of our Foothills Reserve adds Cabernet Sauvignon (for the first time) to our blend. Individual lots of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot were aged 22 months in French Taransaud oak barrels (of which 75% were new). The lots were then blended prior to bottling, unfinned and unfiltered.

Winemaker's Notes:

"This wine shows exotic aromas of spice, dark fruit, cigar box and graphite, followed by flavors of currant, plum and Bing cherries with a silky texture and striking balance. Drink now or cellar 6-8 years." □ – Bill Wathen, winemaker

Vineyard Composition:

Cabernet Franc (44%): Vogelzang Vineyard (Happy Canyon) Clone 341

Merlot (41%): Westerly Vineyard (Happy Canyon) Clone 3, Vogelzang Vineyard (Happy Canyon) Clone 181

Cabernet Sauvignon (15%): Stolpman Vineyard (Ballard Canyon)

Production: 490 cases