



2000 Hartwell Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley Stags Leap District

The excitement surrounding the 2000 vintage, our first vintage of the century, was tempered early on by late winter rains. These rains gave way, however, to wonderful spring weather and a beautiful fruit set. A warm, dry summer that reached its peak in late August assured us of ripe grapes, followed by cool fall weather that allowed us to let the grapes “hang” on the vine and develop even more complex flavors.

This is the third vintage of Hartwell “Estate” Cabernet Sauvignon. Beginning in 1998, we decided to select only the very best lots from our small, twenty acres of planted vineyards on the Hartwell Estate. These vineyards share a variety of hillside exposures; soils and clones that make the decision on what grapes to use an exciting challenge.



“The 2000 Hartwell Estate 100% Cabernet Sauvignon displays a very dark, almost opaque ruby color with forward, deep, rich aromas of dark plums and cassis with hints of toasty oak in the background. This full bodied wine has concentrated black cherry and blackberry flavors on the palate that are ripe, expansive and wonderfully complimented by a long, lingering finish that features a hallmark of Stags Leap District wines: soft tannins.

Beautifully structured for drinking now, the 2000 Hartwell 100% Cabernet Sauvignon will develop additional complexity over the next ten years and live on for many more.”

-- Winemaker Notes

Appellation: Stag’s Leap District
Vineyards: 100% Estate Grown
Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Aging: 22 months in new French oak barrels
Produced: 900 cases
Release date: October 1, 2003