

Forman Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Napa

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

CEPAGE: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 9% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKING: The grapes are gently handled from harvest through fermentation. Small stainless steel fermentors for red wines seem fitting for the need to pay close attention to detail during the winemaking process.

Deep caves have been constructed to maintain a cool, dark, and humid environment to age red wine in new French oak barrels. The wines literally age in the soils from which they grew.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 14.9%

AGING: 22 months; 75% new, 25% once used Bordeaux barrels.

THE STORY

Influenced early on by the wines and winemaking practices of the Bordeaux region of France, Ric Forman has consistently sought a similar perfection for the wines of Forman Vineyard. Ric founded Forman Vineyard in 1983 to fulfill his dream of producing, as a sole proprietor, small quantities of classically made wine. Ric Forman grows his grapes on 88.5 acres of land split between three different parcels, each one planted to the four Bordeaux varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petit Verdot.

PHILOSOPHY: Ric Forman's winemaking philosophy follows a more traditional approach. Familiarity with European tradition has seriously influenced Ric's style and hence the fashion with which he designed and built his winery.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Ample extract, perfect balance, exciting to drink.

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Black berries, tobacco, toasty, violet perfume.

MOUTHFEEL: Very pleasing, mouth filling, powerful expression.

THE SELLING POINTS

Spectacular vintage, classic Bordeaux style, a real keeper.

AWARDS: 97pts Vinous, 96pts Jeb Dunnuck

