



Vineyard and Background:

In 1998 Duane Wall, General Manager for the US cooperage Nadalie USA, decided to replant an old vineyard site near his home on Mt. Veeder in the Napa Valley. Its steep hillside and mixed soils derived from both volcanic activity and sedimentary uplift seemed ideal for Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The four acres has been utilized in making wines for both Etude and Ed Sbragia. Duane, being related to Nile, believed that he could make a barrel for the wine produced from his grapes. A partnership was born to vinify a wine that would be married to a personally styled barrel of French Oak origins. Their belief is that the uniqueness of a barrel built for the wine enhances the wine's quality, flavor and focus.

Tasting Notes: *By Stephan Tanzer*

Bright full ruby. Mountain blackberry, coffee, chocolate and mint on the nose. Concentrated and juicy, with flavors of crushed dark berries dominating. Solid cabernet with a slightly rustic texture. But has the strong fruit to support its substantial tannins. This is the project of Nile Zacherle, who is the winemaker at Barnett Vineyards. Offers excellent potential.

Technical Notes:

Harvest Date: September 29th, 2004

Harvest Chemistry: Brix: 25.4 Total Acidity: 6.3 g/L pH: 3.67

Vinification: The Cabernet Sauvignon and the Cabernet Franc (10%) were hand picked in the early morning and was received at about 55 F. The fruit was destemmed and lightly crushed to a one ton T-bin where it was cold soaked for 5 days prior to fermentation. The fermentation was initiated by D-21 yeast and was punched down 3 times per day until pressing at dryness. The wine went through Malolactic fermentation in 100% new French oak of a unique tight grain blend. After multiple gentle rackings and 23 months it was lightly filtered to bottle.

Barrel Program: 100% New French oak (a tight grain selection coopered specifically for this wine by Duane Wall)

Wine Chemistry: Alc. v/v: 15.2% pH: 3.85 Total Acidity: 5.3 g/L RS: 0.5 g/L

Bottled: September 5th, 2006 6-pack Cases: 93 cases



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