



THE VINEYARD: This, the fifth vintage of S.P. Drummer wines, is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (55%) and Cabernet Franc (45%) from the Blair Vineyard located between St. Helena and Calistoga on the Silverado Trail in Napa Valley. Other notable brands to make wine from this special site include Duckhorn, Rombauer, and Blair Estate Wines. The vineyard site, bordered by the Silverado Trail, Larkmead Lane, and Selby Creek is characterized by alluvial deposit soils. A combination of attentive winegrowing, excellent soil drainage and a very unique microclimate, yield fruit of the highest quality from the Blair Vineyard.

THE WINE: The 2003 harvest was a warm one in Napa Valley, which produced fully ripened fruit, and ripe, almost oily tannins. The 2003 vintage marks a subtle stylistic change, aiming for a more generous mouthfeel and riper tannins. “Cabernet Sauvignon grown on rocky sites such as the Blair Vineyard produce small berries with ample tannin structure. This Cabernet Franc is reminiscent of exotic black flowers and has an incredible density of flavor, almost atypical for the variety. I believe it is one of the top two or three sites for Cabernet Franc in North America”.

The components were fermented separately prior to blending. The Cabernet Sauvignon required heavy doses of oxygen and was racked three to four times in the first six months followed by an additional two rackings in the next twelve months, thus developing a beautiful viscous mouthfeel. This is complemented by the aromatic and exotic Cabernet Franc, creating a complex yet approachable wine. The wine was aged for eighteen months in French Oak (65% new).

Alcohol:	14.2 %
Total Acid:	5.2 g/L
pH:	3.76
Total cases:	938 12-bottle cases

THE WINEMAKER: Scott Peterson is a seasoned winemaker and consultant with sixteen years of winemaking in California, South America and Europe. Scott graduated with a degree in Enology from the University of California, and has been a winemaker at Villa Mt. Eden, Conn Creek and Kendall-Jackson wineries. In Argentina, he worked as winemaking consultant for Nicolas Catena, producing the Nicolas Catena Zapata, Catena Alamos, and Gascon Wines, and in Eastern Europe he has served as winemaking consultant to the USAID. Scott is currently affiliated with a new joint venture in Chile’s Colchagua Valley, and in California, he is involved in several projects in both Napa and Sonoma Counties. He is also active in producing his own wines from select Sonoma Valley sites under the Rumpus label.

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