

Estate expression • Elevated vineyards • Rare

Our Highland Estates wines showcase our estate properties located on mountains, ridges, hillsides and benchlands in cool coastal California vineyards. This series is all about *terroir*. Each label has a pictorial representation of the estate vineyard from which the fruit was sourced. The combination of soil, elevation and climate on each estate is a key contributor to the wine's powerful style.

HAWKEYE MOUNTAIN

2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALEXANDER VALLEY

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Appellation:

Alexander Valley

Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Barrel Aging:

Aged 21 months in French oak barrels, 72% new

Cases Produced: 1,201

Alcohol: 14.5

TA: .59 g/100 ml

pH: 3.68

ACCOLADES

89+ Points

"Terroir-driven, it exhibits notes of black currants, crushed rocks, earth, and tobacco leaf."

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

The Wine Advocate, 12/26/06

KEY POINTS

Elevation:

900 – 2,200 feet above sea level.

Source:

Alexander Valley in Sonoma County, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Clonal Selection:

Clones 4, 7 and 337 grafted on 5C, 3309C, 101-14 and 110R rootstock.

Canopy:

Geneva Double Curtain (GDC) and Vertical Shoot Positioned (VSP).

Soil:

Shallow, rocky and gravelly loam. Steep hillsides, some are slightly terraced. Low amounts of available water and soil moisture capacity forces a reduction in berry and cluster size enhancing flavor concentration and color intensity.

Flavor Profile:

Deep black cherry and cassis flavor with concentrated mineral and terroirial tones. Well extracted, elegantly muscular, with chewy, soft tannins.

Climate:

Cool days and warm nights in this mountain area above the fog.

Of Note:

From its highest point, views include Knights Valley, Sonoma Mountain, Taylor Peak, the Sonoma Coastal Range, Russian River Valley, Dry Creek and Alexander Valley.

