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STATURE™  
LIMITED RELEASE

2002  
RED WINE  
NAPA VALLEY



STATURE represents the pinnacle of Kendall-Jackson winemaking excellence. Created from only the finest vineyards and handcrafted without compromise, it offers the ultimate expression of wine artistry.

## VINEYARD PROFILE

Much of Napa Valley's reputation for outstanding Bordeaux-style varietals can be attributed to the stellar combination of the rich complex fruit and tannins from the St. Helena Bench, coupled with the intense dark berry tones and concentrated tannins from the mountain appellations of Howell Mountain, Mount Veeder and Atlas Peak. All of these areas have well-drained volcanic soils, hot summer days and morning fog that makes them outstanding.

Our Stature Red Wine showcases the sum of these extraordinary appellations by blending them together. Mount Veeder berries give the wine the dark black fruit and longevity. Atlas Peak contributes to the rich tannins and minerality, Howell Mountain is rich with red berries, and St. Helena exhibits a rich voluptuous fruit forward cassis.

## WINEMAKING

Pre-fermentation cold-soak, warm fermentation in stainless steel tanks 7-9 days, and 15 days extended maceration on the skins translate to concentrated flavor and color, added layers of complexity and lush, voluptuous tannin development. After gentle pressing, the wine was racked directly into small French oak barrels (97% new) and aged for 21 months in thin-staved, heavily-toasted Château style barrels adding rich, balanced oak accents, a rounded texture and a serious, lingering, integrated finish.

## ACCOLADES

95 – “This is a tremendous Cabernet-based wine...it’s a masterpiece of blending. Seductive now for its lush, soft and brilliant cherry, cassis and mocha flavors that are finished with the smoky vanilla and toast of 97% new French oak, the wine is decadently good.”

Steve Heimoff, *Wine Enthusiast*, June 2007

93 – Outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character. In short, a terrific wine.

“Reveals loads of complex mineral, tobacco, black currant, blueberry, and licorice characteristics. Medium to full-bodied, with sweet tannin as well as a firm mountain-styled personality that begs for patience, it will be at its finest between 2010-2020.”

Robert M. Parker, Jr.’s *The Wine Advocate*, February 2005

## WINE STATISTICS

Composition:	70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot and 2% Petite Verdot
Appellation:	100% Napa Valley
Oak Aging:	21 months in 100% French (97% new) oak
Harvest Brix:	25.9°
Skin Contact:	16 days
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	0.55g/100ml
pH:	3.57
Production:	244 cases