

GRGICH HILLS



Napa Valley
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
1986

*F*ollowing the famous 1985 vintage, 1986 was yet another exceptional year for Cabernet. The grapes were harvested mainly from our estate vineyard in Yountville, a very special location in the heart of the Napa Valley. About 7% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc were added to this Cabernet to give it more smoothness and fruitiness. We have, thereby, created a well-balanced and complex wine that was aged for two years in a combination of French and American oak barrels.

From the spicy, ripe fruit, and cedary character in the nose to the rich, fruity chocolatey flavors in the mouth, this Cabernet is a very appealing wine in all respects. Although generously extracted flavors burst forth in the glass, it manages to maintain a well-balanced, almost restrained character. As tempted as you may be to drink this Cabernet now, it will become even better with five to ten years of additional bottle aging when properly stored.

<i>James Laube's</i> CALIFORNIA'S GREAT CABERNETS	91 <i>points</i> "A superb 1985 that fits the mold of the vintage, with its sleek, elegant, beautifully focused black currant, cherry and plum flavors that are fresh, crisp and lively. Wonderful already but a good cellar candidate. Drink 1994-2005."
GOLD MEDAL!	1992 National Orange Show New World International

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