

LONGHORN RIDGE VINEYARD, HOFFMAN BLOCK

The grapes for this wine come from Longhorn Ridge Vineyard's Hoffman Block in the eastern part of the valley very close to the Atlas Peak AVA. Neighboring vineyard grapes are used in Caymus Special Select and we are very near to Pahlmeyer's Waters Ranch.

The vineyard is only 8 acres and is on a rolling slope, riddled with granite deposits and produces very small grapes the size of an English pea. Because the yields are so small (less than 2 tons per acre), we only produce a limited amount of wine each year. We use 50% New Bordeaux French oak barrels are used for maturation. While aging for 26 months, the wine is raked every 6 months and returned to the same barrels for further aging. After bottling we bottle condition for a minimum of 6 months, though it is usually closer to a year.

This single vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a deep, inky purple/plum and the aromas are spicy with all spice, clove and bramble with boysenberry and wild huckleberry notes. On the palate, the wine is super concentrated with dense black cherry fruit, big, silky tannins and very structured with cassis, French vanilla and layers of sappy oak flavors with subtle coffee notes. The finish is silky and with layered bing cherries and supple cherry vanilla with medium tannins and a long complex finish.

This is a very serious, single vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. It is a "Cult Cabernet" sold at a fraction of its competitors, very limited as it is affordable and sells out fast.

**FOOD PAIRINGS**

An ideal pairing with slow cooked short ribs seasoned with black pepper, fresh Marjoram and Oregano and served with a wild mushroom mélange and parsnip mashed potatoes. Save a half glass for dessert and do the dark chocolate molten lava cake.

ANALYSIS

Varietal Composition:...	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:.....	Napa Valley
Winemakers:.....	Richard Bruno & Chris Condos
Grower:.....	Richard Bruno Longhorn Ridge Vineyard Hoffman Block
Alcohol:.....	14.6%
TA:.....	5.81g/L
pH:.....	3.55
Aging:.....	50% new French Oak 50% 2 year old French Oak for 26 months
Production:.....	1,100 cases produced