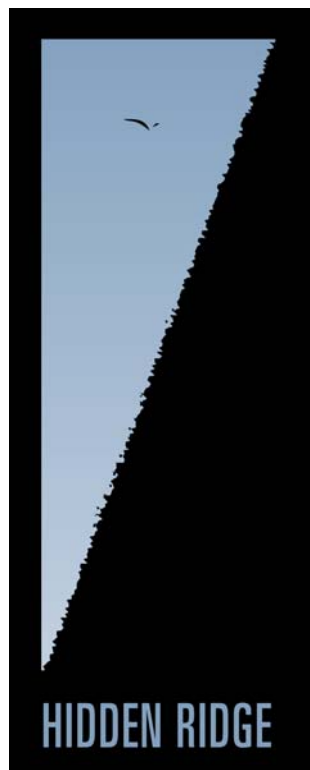


HIDDEN RIDGE

West Spring Mountain – Sonoma County

55% Slope

2004 Cabernet Sauvignon



Vineyard: Located on the west side of Spring Mountain in the heart of the Mayacamas Mountains, Hidden Ridge features 55 acres of vines planted in 21 Blocks, with some blocks at 55% slope. The land was developed throughout the nineties by owner Lynn Hofacket, almost completely by hand. Three distinct microclimates make this rugged terrain mountain property a once in a lifetime winemaking opportunity. Winemaker Marco Di Giulio looks to the "Ancient Slide", "Uplifted River Bed" and "Twin Cinder cone" for their unique and distinctive soil compositions, while the unforgiving terrain stresses the vines maximizing the flavors within the berry.

Winemaking: Simple winemaking procedures showcase the vineyard in this wine. It fermented with native yeast in stainless steel tanks, lots of gentle pumpovers, an extended maceration of almost 40 days and malolactic fermentation in barrel completing the process. The wine was barreled in 80% new French oak for 18 months and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Tasting Notes: Fragrant and lush, the 2004 Hidden Ridge Cabernet offers a veritable bounty of blueberry and raspberry flavors wrapped in spice and toasted oak. While rich layered fruit is front and center on this Cabernet, as the wine evolves in the glass, sweet tannins and spice intertwine beautifully, adding complexity. Although very opulent now, this wine will be best enjoyed in three to five years as the marriage of the mountain fruit and oak fully develops.

Varietal: 100% cabernet sauvignon; clones 4 & 337

Vineyard: 100% Hidden Ridge Vineyard

Harvest Dates: October 7-19, 2004

Total Acidity: .55

pH: 3.65

Finished Alcohol: 15.7%

Total Production: 982 cases



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