

BRANHAM Estate Wines

The Obsidian Vineyard sits in the heart of the Napa Valley AVA, bounded by the Silverado Trail, the Napa River, Selby Creek, and Bale Lane. Fruit from this BEW site is sixty percent of the blend. The remaining forty percent is from grapes boasting Social Register bloodlines: the historic Taplin Vineyard in St. Helena. The 2002 vintage is garnering spectacular reviews for Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux-style blends, and this handcrafted wine supports such praise. Great structure, big and full bodied, a rich mouthful of lush chocolate and dark berries, culminating in a satin finish.

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Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2002

Vineyards

Obsidian (60%) • Taplin (40%)

Varietal %

Cabernet Sauvignon 96%; Petite Verdot 4%

Harvest

September 19 & October 4, 2002

Brix 25.7 - 3.51 pH - .64 TA

Winemaking

Fermented 12-days @ 85 degrees, Pressed at Dryness to French Oak
Malolactic fermentation: inoculated at pressing and completed in barrels
Aged twenty Months in 100% French Oak-80% New, 20% one-year old

Chemistry at Bottling

14.5% Alcohol

3.55 pH; .61 TA

Release Information

Bottling: June 2004

450 Cases