

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 vineyard comprises sixty percent of the blend. The remaining forty percent is from grapes boasting Social Register bloodlines: the historic Taplin Vineyard in St. Helena. The 2003 vintage will be remembered for its wild weather swings, which led to stressed vines, reduced yields and stressed winemakers. What emerges from the bottle makes those memories fade quickly. Balanced tannins and layered fruit give elegance to this wine.

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Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2003

Vineyards

Obsidian (60%) • Taplin (40%)

Varietal %

Cabernet Sauvignon 98%; Petite Verdot 2%

Harvest

October 4, 2003

Brix 25.5 - 3.50 pH - .65 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

14.2% Alcohol

3.65 pH; .63 TA

Release Information

Bottling: June 2005

315 Cases