

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 two-thirds of the blend. The remaining third is from grapes boasting Social Register bloodlines: the historic Taplin Vineyard in St. Helena. The 2001 vintage is more than noteworthy, and this cabernet is a gem and an incredible value. Exquisitely balanced, cassis, black cherry, allspice waft over the palate with softly integrated tannins and barrel notes.

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Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2001

Vineyards

Obsidian (67%) • Taplin (33%)

Varietal %

Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Harvest

September 16 & October 1, 2001

Brix 25.1 - 3.49 pH - .65 TA

Winemaking

Fermented 14-days @ 80 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

3.52 pH; .62 TA

Release Information

Bottling: June 2003

350 Cases