



Buoncrisiani Family Winery 2001 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Tasting Notes:

Buoncrisiani 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon - 92 points

"remarkably rich, plush, dense and concentrated, with layers of spicy currant, blackberry fresh earth, herb and mineral, with light toasty oak and cedary wood scents, with a well-structured finish and firm tannins."

- - - James Laube

Winemaking Notes:

The 2001 growing season in the Napa Valley has proven to be not only outstanding, but potentially the best of the decade. Mother nature kindly provided excellent spring and fall conditions that, with patience, yielded optimum concentration of pigment, tannin, flavor and Cabernet Sauvignon varietal expression. To ensure our high standard of quality, grapes were sourced from vineyards managed by Buoncrisiani or from other Napa valley growers who adhere to our strict viticultural philosophy. This blend was hand-crafted from small one ton lots harvested exclusively from vineyards in Calistoga, Yountville, and Coombsville.

The batches were kept separate during fermentation, after pressing, and throughout the first year of aging in French oak barrels. During the second year of barrel aging, the components were blended in several phases, creating optimum complexity while retaining balance, varietal character, and superior quality. This wine was aged in barrels for 20 months and bottled in July of 2003.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Varietal Content:	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12 Malbec, 3% Merlot
Harvest Date:	October 7th through October 28, 2001
Ageing:	Twenty months in French oak barrels, 70% new oak
Cases produced:	240 cases