



Judd's Hill
1998
Merlot
Summers Ranch

Tasting Notes:

The 1998 Cabernet can be described as having a moderate to full body with medium tannins. The fruit flavors are highly extracted, leaning toward bright black cherries and black raspberries, with overtones of earth and cedar, coupled with nuances of oak. This is one of the most approachable wines we have ever produced. Drink it upon release or cellar it for a few years. It's all there with this wine.

Winemaking Notes:

Art Finkelstein has been making the Summers Ranch every year since 1982. It needs to be ripe, ripe, ripe to tone down the herbacious qualities and let the black cherry fruit show through. The nose, again, is black cherry coupled with scents of smoke and a gentle weediness which is typical of the vineyard. The wine is elegant in its style, well-structured, with moderate acidity to balance the tannins of ripeness.

