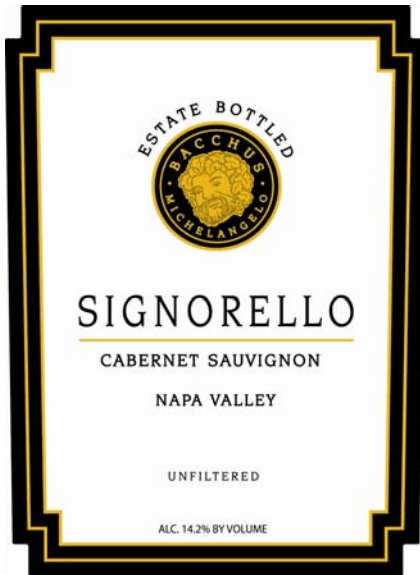


# SIGNORELLO

VINEYARDS

## 2004 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



APPELLATION:	100% NAPA VALLEY ESTATE
BLEND:	75% NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 18 % NAPA VALLEY MERLOT 7 % NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC
BRIX AT HARVEST:	25.3 BRIX
TOTAL ACIDITY:	0.60
PH	3.81
HARVESTED:	OCTOBER 2004
ALCOHOL:	14.1 %
TOTAL PRODUCTION:	2163 CASES

**2004 HARVEST NOTES:** Winemakers are predicting a memorable vintage for 2004 with fruit that bears the imprint of an early spring and a slow and steady ripening period that ended with a fast, hot finish several weeks ahead of traditional harvest times. A warm consistent summer was bracketed by an early spring but break and several late summer hot spells, creating growing conditions that allowed for one of the earliest harvest periods in almost a decade. Some varieties showed a lower yield than expected producing fruit quality that looked very good!

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** Our Estate program follows traditional French winemaking practices. Techniques include the use of extended maceration (each lot averaged 25 days on the grape skins) and frequent pumping-over (three times a day). The 2004 vintage aged for 21 months in 45% new Tronçais, Nevers and Alliers Oak (thin-staved, medium & medium-plus toast Chateau Ferre barrels. Tonnelleries: Seguin Moreau, Radoux, Demptos and Sylvain-Doreau. Barrels were topped monthly and racked every 6 months. To preserve fruit intensity and body, the wine was not filtered prior to bottling on May 23, 2006.

**TASTING NOTES:** Our signature wine is chocolate colored and opens to coco bean, allspice, and vanilla. The lush, full-bodied palate continues with flavors of black currant and hints of tobacco. This wine's incredible balance and long finish is accentuated by its integrated tannins and lush flavors. Enjoy with chocolate, cheese, Filet Mignon, NY Strip steak, Flat Iron steak or venison. Drinkability: Now to 2020

**VINEYARD NOTES:** Our estate vineyards planted in 1990 on the Napa Valley hillsides east of the Silverado Trail provided the grapes. A variety of exposures increased the wines complexity. Western slopes: Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Eastern slopes: Cabernet Franc and a second Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard. Crop level and vine growth were closely monitored to achieve balance and intensify fruit character. The vineyards are densely planted (1240 vines per acre) and vertically trellised. The rocky soil with moderate amount of clay averaging three feet in depth provides excellent drainage.

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