

# VERAISON

## 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	April 1, 2007
<i>Vineyards</i>	Composed of grapes from Stagecoach and Krupp Vineyard as well as a valley floor vineyard in St. Helena. The older vines at Krupp and the St. Helena Vineyard add an intriguing component to the younger, struggling vines at Stagecoach.
<i>Vintage 2004</i>	A winter with plentiful rainfall was followed by a warm spring, resulting in an early bud break. A warm and occasionally hot summer continued to speed vine growth. Fall heat spells required patience and water to achieve optimal hang time, complex flavors, as well as the ripeness and power found in great vintages.
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 25-October 8, 2004
<i>ph/Brix</i>	3.83/27.1
<i>Fermentation</i>	All select parcels of fruit were fermented as individual batches. Each parcel underwent a 3-4 day cold soak before fermentation was allowed to start with indigenous yeast. Also the batches spent an average of 24 days on skins and completed malolactic fermentation in barrel.
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 7% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.5%
<i>Cooperage</i>	Matured for 20 months in 75% new French oak barriques - Taransaud & Bossuet
<i>Bottled</i>	May 5, 2006 Unfined & Unfiltered
<i>Production</i>	1021 cases



### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*Deep red and crimson in color. The aromas abound from the glass to reveal blueberries and dark plums along with dried sage, dark chocolate, mint and a degree of earthiness. The palate is medium bodied, yet extraordinarily rich. The palate is that of ripe blueberries, raspberries, blackcurrant and dark cherry along with a beautiful savory nature. The mouth feel is finely knit, with firm, supple tannins and a long finish. Enjoy with Prime rib steak or Wild mushroom risotto & Venison. Drink now through 2011.*

### KRUPP BROTHERS ESTATES

Owned by Dr. Jan Krupp and his brother Bart. The Estates are comprised of three different vineyards: Stagecoach, Krupp, and Krupp Brothers. These vineyards are the sources for their three brands: Veraison, Black Bart and the Krupp Brothers Estates Gold Series.