

VERAISON

2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Stagecoach Vineyard

<i>Date of Harvest</i>	October 21, 2003
<i>Vineyards</i>	Stagecoach Vineyard is located on the South side of Pritchard Hill overlooking Oakville. The California selection that makes up Veraison is a clone that produces great wines of terroir year in and year out.
<i>Vintage 2003</i>	The 2003 vintage at Stagecoach was distinguished by an early bud break followed by mellow temperatures and an abundance of sun while fog shrouded the valley below. This combination resulted in a year of extended hang time.
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc
<i>Soil Series</i>	Hambright & Basalt, dynamited granite
<i>Cooperage</i>	18 months in Taransaud
<i>Yield</i>	2.9 tons/acre, 1 cluster/shoot
<i>Cumulative Degrees Brix</i>	26.9, pH: 3.89
<i>Cold Soak</i>	4 days
<i>Time on Skins</i>	29 days
<i>Production</i>	2121 cases



WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Dark, purple-black hue; Aromas of black fruits, crème de cassis, blackberry, saffron and toasty oak give way to complex flavors; spice box, dark chocolate, currants, leather and black cherry, with a rich velvety texture, fine-grained tannin and a full mid-palate matches a long lingering finish. Great with rack of lamb, roasted duck and venison filet. Enjoy now through 2018.

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.