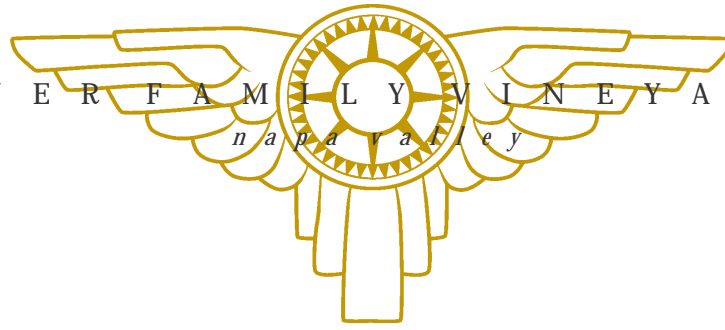


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2000 MERLOT STAGECOACH VINEYARD



Giddy Up! This Merlot is our second to come from the highly sought after Stagecoach Vineyard set high above the eastern hills of the valley. Carved out of rocky, red volcanic soil similar to the earth up at Oakville Ranch, this vineyard gives us the rich, voluminous & decadent characteristics of mountain grown fruit. This wine is proof positive that we will never hang our hats on a wimpy, diluted and flavorless Merlot. Expect deep, rich earth and tobacco notes along with flavors of sweet blackberry, currant and cocoa nicely bundled and balanced on the palate with a lingering campfire finish of sweet oak and fruit. A glass of pure purple cashmere.

APPELLATION	100% Napa Valley 88% Merlot, 8% Cab Franc 4% Cabernet Sauvignon	ANALYSIS	Alcohol 14.1% pH 3.44 TA .64
HARVEST	October 16 & 24, 2000 Picked 24.2 Brix 21 Days on Skins	PRODUCTION	2898 Cases
VINEYARD	Stagecoach Vineyard High Elevation/Eastern Hills Napa Valley	BOTTLED	August 26, 2002 Suggested Retail: \$28
BARREL AGING	24 Months 60% New French Oak 10% New American Oak	NOTES	
RELEASE	January 15, 2003		

H I S T O R Y

Founded in 1998 by Dave Miner, President of Oakville Ranch Vineyards, along with his wife Emily and his parents, Ed and Norma, Miner Family Vineyards produces small lot, hand crafted wines using fruit from Oakville Ranch, Ed and Norma's vineyard and other carefully selected California vineyards. We produce limited quantities of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Zinfandel, Sangiovese, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Viognier and Sauvignon Blanc using a combination of old world winemaking techniques and modern technology. The focus of our label is to produce high end, reserve style wines that reflect the unique characteristics of individual vineyards or "terroir" where specific varietals grow best.

