



<i>Vintage</i>	2003
<i>Varietals</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon 98.33%, Cabernet Franc .64%, Merlot .53% Syrah .48%
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	18 months in French oak
<i>Wine Stats</i>	Alcohol 13.7% pH 3.75% TA 5.53 g/l

Vintage

The Napa Valley's 2003 growing season was a rollercoaster ride that started with above average rainfall and what turned out to be a very mild winter. Spring followed with warm, dry weather tricking the vines into early budbreak; late spring rain and cold weather came back in April and the vines stopped growing for several weeks. Mother Nature returned to normal in May and the vines resumed their growth pattern. The results of the up-and-down weather patterns were a drop in fruit production. The late fall heat caused the grape skins to thicken giving us unforgettable flavors that every winemaker dreams of.

Vineyards

We sourced grapes throughout the Napa Valley appellation to accomplish the desired layering of flavors in our Oberon Cabernet Sauvignon. Blending fruit from classic and emerging appellations, including Rutherford, Oakville, Stags Leap, Atlas Peak and Wooden Valley, allowed us to take advantage of both the volcanic hillside soils and the deeper alluvial soils of the Valley floor. With the diversity of flavors, we were able to create a well-rounded mouthful of wine.

Winemaking

After hand-harvesting, gently de-stemming and crushing, and fermenting in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks, the wonderful maturity of tannins in our grapes allowed us the opportunity to extend the post fermentation maceration time (skin contact) to 22.6 days on average. Extended juice to skin contact marries flavor and structure in the Oberon Cabernet Sauvignon giving the wine a seamless feel. Malolactic fermentation, in barrel, combined with 18 months aging in French oak barrels concentrates the flavors and adds nuances of vanilla and toffee.

About Oberon's Name

Oberon was a king and the husband of Tatiana in William Shakespeare's literary classic *A Midsummer-Night's Dream*. Cabernet Sauvignon, our lead grape varietal, is also considered by many to be both timeless and the "King of Napa Valley." Oberon, Experience Napa Valley in Every Bottle®.