



<i>Vintage</i>	2002
<i>Varietals</i>	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 5.6% Merlot, .4% Petit Verdot
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	12 months in French oak
<i>Wine Stats</i>	Alcohol 14.5% pH 3.6% TA 6.7% Residual Sugar 1.3 g/l
<i>Suggested Retail Price</i>	\$19.99

Vintage

Napa Valley's 2002 growing season was influenced by a warm Spring followed by a cool Summer. The atypical weather pattern provided us with a long, slow ripening trend through September. In October, the growing season was punctuated by a warm Indian Summer, bringing the typically late ripening Cabernet Sauvignon fruit to our desired maturity and flavor level. The late warm weather yielded very supple, mature tannins, and evolved black fruit characters in the wine.

Vineyards

We sourced grapes throughout the Napa Valley appellation to accomplish our 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 24.5 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, first in the barrel and then again in tank, follows the theme of layering flavors. One year 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.