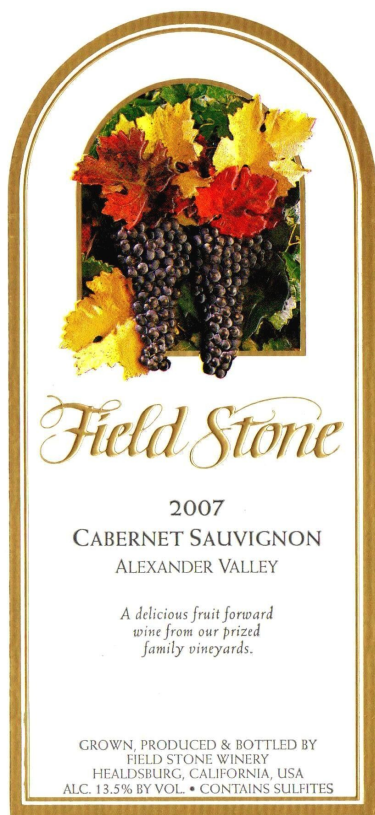
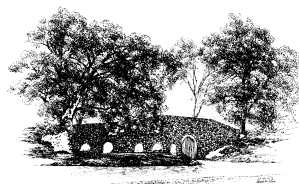


Field Stone

WINERY & VINEYARD



Vintage: 2007

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Harvest Dates: October 9 & 10, 2007

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.3 Brix

Barrel Ageing: 18 months in French & American Oak

Average Acid at Bottling: 6.60 gm/liter

Average pH at Bottling: 3.62

Alcohol: 13.5% by volume

Cases Produced: Only 1109

The Story Behind Our Popular Cabernet Sauvignon

Before our first winery production of Cabernet Sauvignon in 1977, Field Stone's vineyards had acquired an enviable reputation for the outstanding quality of their Cabernet grapes that were sold to Chateau Montelena, Grgich-Hills, Jordan, Simi, and Souverain wineries. From the beginning, André Tchelistcheff, our long-time esteemed consultant, emphasized the importance of planting a variety of Cabernet clones instead of just one ("a bouquet of mixed flowers is always more captivating than a vase of one," he said). Like flowers, clonally distinct Cabernet fruit yields a strikingly broad range of different aromas and flavors. The result is more delightful blending possibilities on the winemaker's palette and a singularly more intriguing, complex wine. The budwood which we planted in our original vineyards during the sixties and early seventies was from three celebrated Napa vineyard sites: the *BV1 clone*, the source of Tchelistcheff's famed Beaulieu "Georges de Latour Private Reserve" Cabernets; the *May Vineyard clone*, the source of Joe Heitz's acclaimed "Martha's Vineyard" Cabernets; and the *Old Niebaum clone* of the lionized early Niebaum Cabernets. These Field Stone heritage clonal blocks make up the old and new Cabernet blocks of our Field Stone estate. To these classic sources we added in 1997 two new highly praised Bordeaux clones in our estate planting expansion: Clones 15 and 337. Now in their full maturity, these vines have provided even further outstanding qualities to our Cabernet.

The Wine

The much praised 2007 vintage lives up to its reputation at Field Stone. Our Cabernet is a luxuriant blend of all five of our estate clones. The result is, in short, terrific. In character this '07 release is an expressive, prime Alexander Valley Cabernet that opens up with seductive, spicy, varietal aromas that follow through with impressive mouth-filling flavors of ripe plums, Bing cherries and blackberries. This Cabernet is a classic example of Field Stone's definitive "Alexander Valley Style": *rich, fruit forward, with attractive notes of oak vanillin that never dominate.*