

# Girard

NAPA VALLEY

2002

## NAPA VALLEY RED

Visually you are presented with a luxuriously bright, deep cherry color. The aromas offer blackberry, kirsch, dried-rose, tobacco and winter spices. On the pallet the body is elegant with a silky texture filled with firm but unobtrusive tannins.

The blend consists of 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 15% Merlot, 7% Malbec and 1% Petite Verdot. 100% Napa Valley fruit coming primarily from Oakville, using a combination of hillside and valley floor vineyards. Total cases made: 4,522.

We are very excited about our 2002 Napa Valley Red, and feel it will be judged as one of our best ever.

### Winemaking

Our grapes were hand sorted and gently crushed. We used native yeast for fermentation and the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in the barrel. Aged 24 months in French oak and then bottled unfined and unfiltered.

○ Alc 14.1% PH 3.74 TA .65g/100ml

### Press

**92 POINTS** – *Wine & Spirits Magazine*, December 2005

This smells like a Napa Cabernet, with dark purple fruit and equally dark herbal tones. Then it feels more European, with a clean, bracing freshness and a sleek refinement to the structure of the wine. Lean and lithe, with impressive concentration, this should age well for ten years or more. Marco DiGiulio, formerly of Lakoya, is the winemaker here, the wine a blend of five Bordeaux varieties grown on hillside and valley floor vineyards in Oakville and St. Helena.

Intense and concentrated, with a solid tannic backbone supported by a rich core of ripe currant, blackberry and black cherry fruit. Hints of anise and plum peek through at points and the finish returns to chewy tannins. Best from 2007 through 2011. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 4,522 cases made. – *Wine Spectator*, October 31, 2005.