

# NADEAU

*Family Vintners*

## **2004 Cabernet Sauvignon** Paso Robles

### **The Winery**

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Robert Nadeau and his wife, Patrice. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. At nearly 2000 feet in elevation, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives about twice the rainfall seen below in Paso Robles (Elev: 960')

### **The Wine**

The Nadeau Family Vintners' 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon hails from the warmer plains East of Paso Robles. Dark and rich, this seductive wine exhibits a core of black cherries and currants, married with vanilla and faint smoke notes from having been aged in 25% new American oak cooperage. The lingering finish rewards the taster with an aftertaste of blackberries, dark stonefruit, and soft, approachable tannins.

Two years of barrel-aging have lent this 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon lovely, soft oak tannins accompanied by the above-mentioned vanilla and toasted-oak nuances.

This approachable wine would certainly benefit from a few years of aging, however its soft tannin structure makes it easy to enjoy now as well as later.

### **The Blend**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### **The Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2004 Vintage

Harvest: Early October, 2004; Sugar @ Harvest: 25.4 Brix; TA: 0.62 gm./100mL; pH: 3.62

These grapes were fermented in small, open-top fermenters with commercial (proprietary) yeast for 7 days on their skins then pressed in a small, horizontal basket-press. This wine was racked using a nitrogen blanket and/or gravity.

The 2004 Vintage yielded about **85 cases**.