



MANKAS HILLS VINEYARDS

2003
MANKAS
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SUISUN VALLEY
CALIFORNIA

We have branded this early release of 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon in honor of the beautiful farming area surrounding our vineyards.

Harvest Notes: 2003 was marked by heat spikes at the beginning and towards the end, but generally this was a climatically mild year. Towards the end of September the temperature cooled slightly, giving the grapes extra time on the vine to mature their most subtle flavors. The grapes for the 2003 Mankas were harvested between September 23 and October 9. Our harvest was divided into lots based on the picking date and the geographical location within the vineyard. By using this method we were able to capture the unique flavors of each section of the vineyard at its best. Attention to the malolactic fermentation focused on preserving the complex flavors in the wine. The wines were racked to a fine mix of French, European and American barrels in November.

Winemaker's Comments: *"Our 2003 Mankas offers a lovely balance of oak and complex fruit aromas. Scents of wild berry, black cherry and black currant harmonize with the smooth tannins. Mankas delicate body and big fruit profile lends itself to food without overpowering your meal. It is a great wine to enjoy with fish, pasta, or mild cheese and is a pleasant addition to any picnic or barbecue. This wine helps bring out the pleasure in everyday life."*

- Jef Stebben, Consulting Winemaker

Wine Details

Vintage: 2003

Appellation: Suisun Valley, California

Release Date: September 2004

Varietal: 100% from 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon grapes grown at our vineyards

Ageing: 6 months in a mix of small French, European and American oak barrels

Brix at Harvest: 26

Alcohol: 13.9%

PH: 3.4

TA (titratable acidity): 5.7 g/l

Cases Produced: 3500

Winemaker: Jef Stebben

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.90

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