



CHATEAU POTELLE

MT. VEEDER • NAPA VALLEY

Cabernet Sauvignon VGS 2002

WINEMAKING

Grapes	90% Cabernet 10% Merlot
Fermentation	Natural yeast
Filtration	None
Fining	None
Racking	6 times barrel to barrel by gravity
Aging	23 months in French oak

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

“2002 is superb in Napa, dense and rich rivaling 2001 vintage for depth and complexity”. *Wine Spectator*

Our 2001 sold faster than any other vintage and the 2002 VGS is a very strong successor. It will charm you by its concentration, weight and balance.

The wine displays the great mountain intensity you are used to appreciate in our Cabernet. A rich nose full of mature red berries, earthy overtones and coffee nuances blends with vanilla making the bouquet an extraordinary experience. The texture is extremely pleasant and smooth contributing to a wine that is intense and full bodied, but also round and ample with many layers showing the wine's multiple dimensions. The finish is dominated by fruits and spices and the French oak adds both flavors and complexity.

This vintage is enjoyable now and will continue to develop very nicely over the next 5 years.

THE VINEYARD

Appellation	Mount Veeder
Elevation	1,600
Slope	10°–30°
Soils	Loamy with shale at 1,600 ft, Volcanic rock at 1,800 ft
Age of Vines	34 years and 16 years

Our Cabernet Sauvignon VGS exemplifies all the qualities that have earned Chateau Potelle its reputation for authentic, assured, sophisticated and amazingly complex wines, which rank among America's finest.

Chateau Potelle is based on the simplest and most ambitious of traditional beliefs: that excellence speaks for itself. And we believe our VGS does just that.

Though unmistakably made with full-bodied California fruit, we utilize classic winemaking techniques with finesse and elegance that are increasingly rare to find.

Our secret is to respect the unique personality that nature and terroir have given our grapes, with minimal intervention or technical influence in the cellar. The result shows off the differences of our soils and microclimates making for truly unique VGS wines

Retail Price: \$60.00