

HL

HERB LAMB VINEYARDS



2004 HL Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes:

The nose is signature HL Vineyard, showing concentrated, black, mountain fruits, such as blackberry, black raspberry and intense dried cherry – the epitome of mature fruit from this hillside property. It has all the signature vineyard flavors of spice and black fruit, with the added cocoa and vanilla from the barrels. It's plush and juicy with lots of black spices and ripe fruit."

The 2004 vintage in Napa Valley is most similar to the 2002; big and bold in front, firm and forward – a typical California vintage. The 2004 HL Cabernet Sauvignon is intensely colored and smells and tastes of sweet, juicy summer fruits, with a pinch of mint and herbs.

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The 2004 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the shortest growing seasons on record. It started with record breaking warm weather in spring and brought on early bud-break followed by a warm, dry summer. The foggy morning and mild temperatures made for an overall cool season, which lengthened the ripening of the grapes, but the heat spells in September increased the speed of maturation.

Although 2004 was the earliest picking date for any of our HL wines (October 2, 2004), the grapes were fully mature and the alcohol from the ripe fruit actually gives this wine its juicy horsepower, highlighting the depth of concentration and complexity of the 2004 vintage.

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 14.4

Barrels: 100% new French oak

Appellation: Napa Valley

Case production: 100

Vineyard: Herb Lamb Vineyard