2002 El Tiburon Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County



The Napa Valley is the home of America's most famous (and expensive) renditions of Cabernet Sauvignon.

Just the word "Napa" can add several dollars to a wine's retail price, and consumers gladly dig deeper in their wallets to procure the most highly-touted bottlings.

Yet history shows that Cabernets crafted on the other side of the Mayacamas mountain range — in Sonoma County — can be every bit as "noble," and don't require taking out a second mortgage to obtain.

In alphabetical order, just a few of Sonoma's esteemed Cabernet makers have included Alexander Valley Vineyards, Buena Vista Winery, Clos du Bois, B.R. Cohn, Gundlach-Bundschu, Iron Horse, Jordan, Kenwood, Lyeth, Preston, Silver Oak and Simi Winery.

As is the case in Napa Valley, Sonoma County is home to a number of unique microclimates that are ideal for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

Cabernet thrives in warmer climes, and that's why you'll find a great concentration of Cabernet vineyards in the Sonoma Valley and Alexander Valley appellations of Sonoma County.

And when the carefully-tended, fully-ripened, Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are placed in the hands of talented, passionate vintners, the finished wines take a back-seat to no others — including those made in Napa Valley.

The winemaker at El Tiburon has the best of all worlds, being able to source the finest Cabernet grapes from all over Sonoma County. He then blends the various lots to create a delicious "county cuvee" that is ageworthy yet also immediately accessible. It's undeniable proof that Napa Valley does not have a monopoly on great California Cabernet.

TASTING NOTES

Grape Source:

Select Vineyards in Esteemed Growing Areas of Sonoma County

Aromas and Flavors:

Cedar, Cherry and Earth Notes With a Lush Berry Finish

When to Drink:

Now Through 2007

Our Tasting Panel Score: 90 Points

Cut out

this wine tag

and keep it with

your wine as

a handy

reference.

2002 El Tiburon Cabernet Sauvignon

Sourcing fruit from the best Cabernet vineyards in Sonoma County, El Tiburon has created a "county cuvee" with cedar, cherry and earth notes, leading to a lush berry finish.

Food pairing suggestions: hamburgers with grilled onions, or roast beef sandwiches.

Call 1-800-823-5527 to order more of this wine.