



2001 La Sonrisa del Tecolote

Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The **La Sonrisa del Tecolote 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon** fuses three wines... cabernet sauvignon and merlot from Napa Valley, and merlot from our Charles Creek estate vineyard in the Sonoma Mountain appellation. This wine demonstrates classic traits of a Rutherford Cabernet: rich chocolate, black cherries, cassis, dark ripe plums, and red currants on the palate, with a slight mint, vanilla, and mocha chocolate, along with concentrated fruit in the powerful finish.

Technical Data

Blend:	97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Alcohol:	14.6%
pH:	3.74
RS:	0.141
Release date:	October 1, 2003

Winemaker Notes

This wine is like a delightful guest you don't want to leave... and it doesn't... it lingers and grows for minutes after you have had a sip. The wine is immediately approachable a short time after opening. For a special experience, try decanting, but this is not necessary for a charming sensory experience. Dark, ruby colors suggest intense fruit flavors. On the nose, it exhibits spices and Turkish mocha coffee, as well as an herbal bouquet. The wine is approachable now; yet, will improve and age well for the next 6 to 9 years.

Serving Suggestions

The **La Sonrisa del Tecolote 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon** pairs well with fine steak dishes; such as Beef Bourguignon, Prime Rib, New York Strip and Ribeye steak, as well as Roasted Duck and Beef teriyaki dishes. For an other worldly experience, try deep, dark rich, chocolate mousse, rich chocolate dishes, or a piece of dark chocolate to finish your meal with this succulent wine.