



CHARLES CREEK
VINEYARD

2002
La Sonrisa del Tecolote
Cabernet Sauvignon
Napa Valley

- The Vineyards: Our 2002 Napa Valley **La Sonrisa del Tecolote** Cabernet Sauvignon was created utilizing a blend of vineyard sites within the Napa Valley appellation. Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from six vineyards within the Spring Mountain and Rutherford appellations were fermented and aged separately. The synergism of hillside Spring Mountain Cabernet blended with the broad palate characteristics of Rutherford marry well to produce a wine of distinction and merit.
- The Vintage: The 2002 vintage in Napa Valley is one that will go down in the books as nearly perfect. A long growing season, graced with yields that were shy, berries that were small, and wonderfully warm months of September and October when Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon clusters matured, without rain, produced berries that were slightly dimpled and ripe with flavor.
- The Blend: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon
8% Merlot
- The Wine: Dense purple intensity defines the 2002 Napa Valley **La Sonrisa del Tecolote** Cabernet Sauvignon. The color is dark and bright, leggy and elegant in the glass. The nose is bold and provides a window into the flavors that are to follow. This wine is brimming with cassis and tobacco. With hints of sweet cedar, plum and a nuance of coffee and chocolate spice in the aroma, there is the expectation of well matched texture and intensity in the palate. The mouth feel is full of soft tannins that linger on the palate softly and blanket the wine's seemingly sweet and elegantly crafted lasting finish.
- Technical data : Alcohol 14.7%
Total Acidity: 5.8 grams/Liter
pH: 3.82
Residual Sugar: Nil
Appellation: Napa Valley
Release Date: Fall, 2005
- Serve with: Beef Dishes, Braised Short Ribs, chocolates, rich desserts