

oakville ranch napa valley 2003 robert's blend

cabernet franc gives this jewel-of-the-ranch its power and inky color and serves as homage to founder, Robert Miner. its terroir-driven earthiness is a counterpoint to the fruit and structure of the complementary cabernet sauvignon component.

listen...savor...and enjoy...

The Rolling Stones, "Time Is On My Side" Mary Miner, Owner

Mark Knopfler, "Going Home" (Local Hero) Ashley Heisey, Winemaker

John Mayer, "Waiting on the World to Change" Paula Kornell, General Manager

appellation	100% napa valley, oakville district 100% oakville ranch robert's & vista blocks
varietal	65% cabernet franc 35% cabernet sauvignon
harvest date	october 15, 2003
fermentation	10 days on the skins
barrel aging	17 months in 100% french barrels, 57% new
racking	quarterly
bottling date	april 11, 2005
analysis	14.6% alcohol 3.57 pH 0.55 ta
production	286 6-pack cases, plus 6 cases of magnums

located on a sloping plateau that rises to 1,400 feet above the silverado trail on the east side of the napa valley, oakville ranch was one of the oakville appellation's pioneering vineyards. since then, several other highly regarded and prestigious wineries have become neighbors, drawn to this hillside for its powerful, signature-red volcanic soils. in 1989, when Bob and Mary Miner purchased the 350-acre ranch, 55 acres of vineyards were planted to chardonnay and bordeaux varietals – cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc.

through the years, the vineyards have been meticulously tended. additional small vineyard enclaves have been developed as certain sites have revealed their promise. the shallow and miserly rocky soils slowly release their spartan nutrients, naturally limiting the grape crop to an intense few bunches per vine.