

oakville ranch napa valley 2004 robert's blend

the power and inky color of cabernet franc serves as fitting homage to oakville ranch founder, Robert Miner. its terroir-driven earthiness is a counterpoint to the complementary cabernet sauvignon component. silky, sophisticated, and sublimely structured.

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

The Rolling Stones, "You Can't Always Get What You Want" Mary Miner, Owner

Larry Carlton, "Silky Smooth" Ashley Heisey, Winemaker

Fergie, "Big Girls Don't Cry" Paula Kornell, General Manager

appellation	100% napa valley, oakville district 100% oakville ranch robert's & bobcat blocks (cabernet franc) vista & plateau blocks (cabernet sauvignon)
varietal	83% cabernet franc 17% cabernet sauvignon
harvest date	september 20, 2004
fermentation	15 days, 23 on the skins
barrel aging	25 months in 100% french barrels, 80% new
racking	quarterly
bottling date	november 10, 2006
analysis	14.5% alcohol 3.77 pH 0.51 ta
production	244 6-pack cases, plus 4 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.