



MARSTON FAMILY VINEYARD, LLC

**Marston Family Vineyard
1998 Cabernet Sauvignon
Spring Mountain, Napa Valley**

This Vintage is the very first effort of the Marston Family to focus on the highest quality wine from the vineyard in ten years. The rocky, mountain soils provide an environment that limits the vigor of the vine and thus produces smaller fruit clusters and berry size. These limited crop levels intensify the character of the wine and help to express the true nature of the vineyard. We have selected what we believe to be the best location and aspect in the vineyard that has yielded to us a limited production to an exclusive 600 cases a year. The creation of this vintage has been a most exciting process for us, as it has truly been a family endeavor.

We are fortunate to have Philippe Melka as our winemaker. Philippe has a deep respect for the geology of a vineyard site and has taken full advantage of our unique soils and climate in his adept handling of the wine. Robert Parker has recently written about Philippe stating, "Melka is quickly establishing a reputation as one of the finest consultants in the Napa Valley." (*Food & Wine Magazine*, April 2001, "A Star is Born")

Release Date: 600 cases released September 2001

Varietal Composition: 100% Marston Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon- 100% Estate Grown

Cooperage: Chateau Ferre French Oak, Barrel Aging: 18 months- 50% New Barrels (Barrel Maker- Seguin Moreau, Radoux, Saury)

Region: Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley

Winemaker: Philippe Melka, "Rising Star 2001" (*Food & Wine Magazine*)

Winemaker Tasting Notes:

"Possesses an excellent concentration of sweet and pliant fruit flavors, lovely middle palate texture and well integrated oak. A multi-layered wine that is seamless, elegant with an impressive length."
