



CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA

The Philosophy

The vineyards of the historic Lewelling Estate were established in 1864 near the western foothills in St. Helena by Dave and Doug Wight's great-great-grandfather, pioneer winegrower John Lewelling. Here, the gravelly loam soil and microclimate combine to produce exceptional Cabernets with rich cherry, currant and berry flavors that are enhanced by traditional winemaking methods and aging in French and American oak barrels. Brothers Dave (the winemaker) & Doug (the viticulturist) Wight team up to grow and produce some of the Napa Valley's finest Cabernet Sauvignon. Most of the grapes go to people like Caymus, Viader, and Beaulieu Vineyards--it is only since 1992 that they have made small quantities of wine under their own label.

The Details

Vintage:	2004
Varietal Composition:	97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc from Lewelling Vineyards
Vineyard Location:	Napa Valley, ½ mile southwest of St. Helena
Vine & Rootstock:	Cabernet Sauvignon & cabernet Franc on 110R Rootstock
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Harvest Date:	September 9, 2004
Press Handling:	No press wine
Oak Regimen:	15 months in 90% French and 10% American barriques
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	15.3%
Total Case Production:	656 cases

Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

The bouquet is intense with aromas of black cherry, red plum, mulberry, pomegranate, vanilla, cedar and rose petals. The rich blackberry, Bing cherry and jammy raspberry flavors are caressed by black pepper, baking spice and butterscotch. Sweet, chewy tannins are silky, full and rich adding a nice supple quality to this wine. A nicely balanced ripeness and fresh acidity helps make this wine a great complement to veal or beef dishes, lamb, pork loin or chops, and chicken dishes made with mushrooms. Pretty good with medium-strong cheeses, too!

About the Name/Label

The wine is named after John Lewelling, a pioneer winegrower and horticulturist who put down roots in St. Helena in 1864. At 138 years, it is one of the oldest continuously-owned family vineyards in the Napa Valley. John Lewelling is also the great-grandfather of Janice Lewelling Wight, Dave & Doug Wight's Mom.

