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The second release in our Library Edition series, 2001 Cain Concept, demonstrates all the reasons why you want to age wine. The bouquet becomes ever so much more subtle and complex. Gone are the excesses and rough edges of youth. No longer simply poised on vibrant fruit, the wine now reveals layers. The palate becomes silky, smooth, and sumptuous, with an exquisitely graceful finish.

Five extra years in the bottle has revealed one thing: the 2001 was a superb vintage for our Cain Concept. An additional five years just begins to reveal the potential of this wine. You could drink it now with great pleasure (decant it for an extra boost), or keep it for another five years.

The core of the 2001 Cain Concept blend comes from the heart of the Napa Valley, where the deep, well-drained and gravelly soils of the Georges III Vineyard in Rutherford and the Tokalon Vineyard in Oakville, hold the natural vigor of Cabernet Sauvignon in check. Here, the warm days and cool nights of the valley's benchlands bring the full fruit flavors and aromas of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot to their full potential. For Cabernet Franc, we turn to Carneros. The extended hang-time needed to ripen Truchard Vineyards' Cabernet Franc in the cool Carneros region intensifies its color and varietal character.

Our winemaking program is simple: hand picking, gentle destemming, fermentation by native yeasts, judicious maceration, and manual pressing. The wine completes malolactic fermentation in the barrel, is blended in the summer following harvest, is racked barrel-to-barrel, is fined with egg white, and is bottled without filtration. The 2001 Concept spent about nineteen months in French oak barrels, 65% of which were new.

This combination of vineyard locations, weather conditions, winemaking practices, and the blending of complementary varietals produces a complex wine with ripe plum and coffee aromas and sweet soft tannins.

Varietal Content:

Cabernet Sauvignon 69% Merlot 22% Cabernet Franc 9%

About Cain Vineyard & Winery

Cain Vineyard & Winery overlooks St. Helena from the top of Spring Mountain in the Mayacamas Range to the west of the Napa Valley proper. The Estate vineyard is planted to the five classic Bordeaux varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot, as well as a small amount of Syrah. We produce three Cabernet blends: Cain Cuvée, Cain Concept, and our signature wine, Cain Five.

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