



2003

**Tietjen Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
Rutherford, Napa Valley**

Harvest Dates: 10/16, 10/15
Grape Source: Tietjen Vineyard, Wood Vineyard
Blend: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot
Harvest Brix: 25.8
Maceration: 13-15 days non-inoculated
Aging: 22 ½ months in French Oak (60% new)
pH: 3.59
TA: 0.58 g/100ml
Alcohol: 15.2%
Production: 673 cases, 750 ml
Release Date: September 2006

Tasting Notes:

The 2003 Tietjen Cabernet is medium-dark ruby in color with intriguing aromas of blackberry, chocolate, kirsch, coconut, cigar box and subtle mint. Lush, deep flavors of currant, cassis and ripe cherry lead to hints of sweet vanilla, and a compelling mushroom-like earthiness. This wine is luxurious on the palate, with silky tannins and a long, lasting finish. It is well structured and possesses both a sense of refined power and elegance.

This Cabernet will go wonderfully with lamb, venison, beef and rich cheeses.

Decant this wine for drinking now or cellar 5 – 12 years for optimal drinking.