**1998 Portfolio Limited Edition**

 **Vintage Note**

The 1998 vintage marks the first release of Portfolio Limited Edition. The weather was unusual. A growing season punctuated with heavy rainfalls, many days of frost and a cold weather at bloom, some heat spells during the summer and excellent, mild weather during harvest. A delicate vintage to handle. An abnormal wet El Nino spring and late summer caused a poor set for the 1998 vintage crop. This weather promoted slow ripening and long “hang time”. Harvest unfolded with slow pace and orderly.

Supple and lush with elegant and intense fruit, showing multiple layers of dark black cherry and cassis with toasty, sweet oak nuances. The long, seamless finish leaves the senses floating in endless pleasure. The wine will cellar well for many decades.

**Winemaking Note**

**Composition:** Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Cabernet Franc 20%

**Fruit Sources:** Hendry Ranch Block 8 and Weitz Vineyard

**Age of Vines:** CS 24 years and CF 5 years

**Date of Harvest:** October 5th and October 6th

**Fermentation:** Fermented in 1-ton bin

**Winemaking:** No pump, no fining, no filtration, natural gravity flow

**Skin Contact:** 25 days

**Malolactic Fermentation:** In barrel

**Barrel Aging:** 18 months in 100% New French Oak

**Cases:** 80