

Pahlmeyer

1993 Pahlmeyer Proprietary Red

Release Date: September, 1996

Winemaker: Helen Turley

Appellation Composition:

100% Napa Valley

Varietal Composition:

87% Cabernet Sauvignon

10% Cabernet Franc

1% Merlot

1% Malbec

1% Petit Verdot

Technical Notes:

Alcohol: 14.30%

PH: 3.63

Total Acidity: .60

Tasting Notes:

Impressive purple/black color with nose of cassis, licorice and cedar. Balanced and concentrated. Whole-cluster extended maceration and malolactic fermentation. Aged 22 months in French oak, bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. First 100% Turley vintage - from grapes to blending.

Ratings:

The Wine Advocate. Robert Parker Jr., (96 points) "Purple/black color, as well as sweet, integrated tannin, a gorgeous black currant, toast, tar and licorice-scented nose, fabulous texture, and a 35-45 second finish. The 1994 may be slightly sweeter in the mid palate than the 1995, but the differences are negligible. The abundant tannin is mostly concealed by the wine's wealth of fruit, glycerin, and alcohol. This wine should drink well from the late nineties through the first two decades of the next century. Very Impressive" Also rated in barrel (88-91) "The 1993 has an unbelievable resemblance to a fine vintage of Bordeaux's renowned Chateau Leoville Las Cases. The saturated dark-ruby/purple color is followed by a wonderfully pure, vivid nose of black currants, minerals, and spicy, high-quality oak. Medium to full bodied, rich and elegant, this well-endowed, beautifully concentrated, graceful Cabernet Sauvignon will need 5-7 years of cellaring; it will keep for 20+ years. This fascinating wine could be easily confused with a top-class Medoc if tasted blind."

The Wine Spectator. (92 points) Top Picks of the New Releases and Highly Recommended. "Ripe, complex and full-bodied red with pretty currant, black cherry, spice and cedary oak flavors that continue to develop far into the finish. The tannins are a little rough around the edges, but they're not out of line..." (12/15/96) (85-89) Listed in Top 1993 Cabernet Barrel Samples. "Good balance between the ripe currant and cherry flavors and the firm but polished tannins. Shows more delineation. Very firm and very long." (5,6/98)