



OWL RIDGE WINES

2004 Cabernet Sauvignon

**T. R. Passalacqua Vineyard
Dry Creek Valley**

Situated in the western hills above Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley, the T. R. Passalacqua Vineyard produces some of the best Cabernet Sauvignon in Northern California. This vineyard receives full daytime sun with cool night air, an ideal combination to develop the intense fruit flavors that characterize this wine.

Harvest was on September 27, 2004. The 2004 harvest was marked by an intense late heat wave that raised sugars before the skins were fully ripe. Therefore the fruit was left on the vine an additional two weeks after sugar levels reached normal harvest level.

The grapes were harvested in the cool early morning hours and arrived early at the winery. The grapes were cold soaked for four days in a closed-top tank and then inoculated with yeast. During fermentation, temperatures were maintained between 82 and 88 degrees to provide the most fruit driven wine with the best mouth feel and richness. After fermentation, we carried out a very long extended maceration.

The wine was barrel-aged for two years in 100% premium French oak, with 40% new barrels, principally tight-grained oak from the best French forests.

The final wine is richly flavored with black currant and blackberry flavors and hints of cocoa, cured tobacco leaf and anise. The entry is sweet with a silky middle. Overall, the wine is rich, seductive and well structured. The tannins are balanced. While the wine is enjoyable now, we think it will age well for many years.

Joseph C. Otos – Winemaker

Production: 600 cases
Alcohol content: 14.7%
Total Acidity: 6.63 g/L

Case: 12 / 750ml
Retail: \$48



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