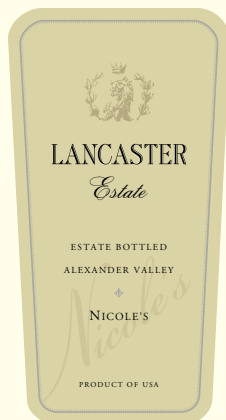


WINEMAKER'S NOTE

LANCASTER ESTATE



2004 LANCASTER ESTATE NICOLE'S PROPRIETARY RED



Each vintage a number of our Cabernet vineyard blocks will mature to perfection, producing fruit with a definitive richness of character. From these blocks, our winemaker identifies and hand-selects grapes to craft approximately ten barrels for a proprietary bottling. Our 2004 Nicole's has ripe, extracted black cherry character, with hints of spice, chocolate and tobacco leaf, and a long, concentrated finish. Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot enhance the complexity of the blend. 250 cases produced.

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Founded in 1995, Lancaster Estate is a family owned winery, dedicated to crafting wines that are Estate grown, bottled, and produced. Situated on 53 hillside acres at the southern tip of Alexander Valley, near the confluence of the Knights Valley and Chalk Hill appellations, this location enjoys the warm climate, depleted soils, and rugged hillsides uniquely suited to Bordeaux varieties.

2004 VINTAGE

Warm temperatures in March led to an early budbreak, but a cooler spring drew out the time during bloom, giving us excellent conditions for berry set. Cool, foggy mornings in July gave way to a warm August and September. Yields were small, with dense, intense flavors. Harvest lasted from September 10 to October 16.

COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS

*75% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Merlot
5 % Cabernet Franc
5 % Malbec
5 % Petit Verdot
Aged 22 Months in French Oak
Total acid 0.53%
pH 3.3
Alcohol, by volume 14.8%*

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