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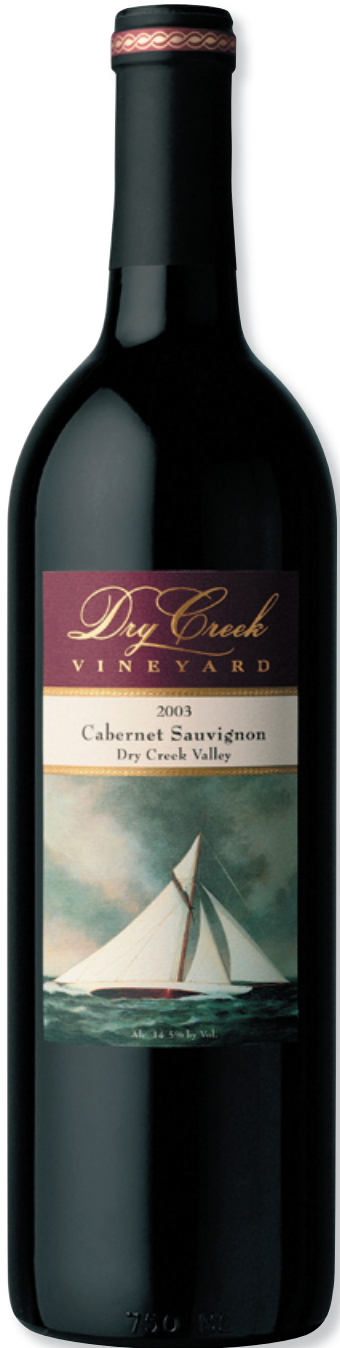
WHAT Paul Pacult's *Pouring*
WHEN IN DRY CREEK, CALL FOR A CAB

2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

— Dry Creek Valley —



(out of a possible five)



“A mouthwatering blend of 93 percent cabernet sauvignon—plus cabernet franc, malbec and petit verdot. After 19 months in oak, it tastes of black cherry preserves and dark chocolate, and smells of spicy black currant and cedar. A world-class cabernet that should be paired with top-drawer red meat or game entrees.”

Lying northwest of the wine burg Healdsburg in Sonoma County, California, is Dry Creek Valley. This natural cradle folded into the county's coastal mountain ranges has for decades supplied lovers of red wine with text-book zinfandels.

Indeed, notoriously jammy zinfandels from wineries such as Nalle, Ridge, Pedroncelli, Dry Creek Vineyard, Rafanelli, Seghesio and Quivira put Dry Creek Valley on the oenological map in the 1980s and '90s. Today, it's the valley's cabernet sauvignon plantings that are poised to propel the region forward. The minty, cassis-laden cabernets of Michel Schlumberger, Alderbrook, Pezzi King and Dry Creek Vineyard aren't to be missed.

