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2002 Cloud View Vineyards Napa Valley (Pritchard Hill) Estate Red Wine

Release: September 2005

*Black fruit flavors prevail —
blackberries, cherries, blueberries, and plums...
with heady aromas of violets, licorice, and black walnuts.*

*We think this is our best wine to date.
This very well balanced wine holds its promise from smooth entry,
to a full awakening of the palate, and a fine pleasantly lingering finish.*

Our favorite food pairings include lamb, beef, and fine chocolate.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Winemaker: Karen Bower Turjanis at Cloud View Winery

Blend: 52% Cabernet Sauvignon and 48% Merlot
Barrel aging: 22 months in French oak, 92% new
Harvest 2002 dates: Cabernet Sauvignon: September 29 – October 5
Merlot: September 4 – 10

Bottling date: July 23, 2004 1100 Cases; some magnums
Wine analysis: Alcohol 14.5%
TA: 0.55 g/100 ml pH: 3.68



WINEGROWING NOTES

Winegrowers: Linda and Leighton Taylor

Cloud View Vineyards sustainably farms 26 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot planted between 1990-95 on ninety acres of rocky mountain-side on Pritchard Hill. Our vines are trained on vertical trellises and hand-pruned to bilateral cordons. We use only our own grapes, hand-picked and hand-sorted. To assure optimum sunlight, we remove leaves by hand. To assure fruit quality and intensity, we thin fruit twice before Harvest.

Because our mountain vineyards give the vitality to our wine, we feature them on every bottle. This photo shows the view on which our label is based, looking at Mount St. Helena from our winery, across our favorite bloc of Cabernet.

Here, among the clouds, we can see the weather coming on every wine-growing day. The growing season for the 2002 vintage featured a long, mild, prelude. An early April frost and May rains gave way to a mild summer with ideal growing conditions of warm days and cool, even cold, nights.

Then, warm weather near the end of September accelerated ripening, and concentrated fruit flavors.



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