

# Forman Vineyards Chateau La Grande Roche Cabernet Sauvignon

## THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Napa County

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

CEPAGE: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKING: Destemmed and fermented in small lots i.e., 3-5 tons.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 14.9%

AGING: Once used Bordeaux barrels for 22 months.

## THE STORY

Influenced early on by the wines and winemaking practices of the Bordeaux region of France, Ric Forman has consistently sought a similar perfection for the wines of Forman Vineyard. Ric founded Forman Vineyard in 1983 to fulfill his dream of producing, as a sole proprietor, small quantities of classically made wine. Ric Forman grows his grapes on 88.5 acres of land split between three different parcels, each one planted to the four Bordeaux varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petit Verdot.

**PHILOSOPHY:** Ric Forman's winemaking philosophy follows a more traditional approach. Familiarity with European tradition has seriously influenced Ric's style and hence the fashion with which he designed and built his winery.

## THE ADJECTIVES

**OVERALL:** Good aging potential.

**AROMAS / FLAVORS:** Dark berries with spicy and herbal qualities.

**MOUTHFEEL:** Ripe with a balanced acidity and long finish.

## THE SELLING POINTS

Top vintage. Fresh, vibrant and super expressive.

