



ROBERT MONDAVI  
WINERY

NAPA VALLEY

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C A B E R N E T S A U V I G N O N R E S E R V E

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Our Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is the wine which embodies Robert Mondavi's philosophy of making wines that are powerful yet gentle. Each year the blend reflects the "First Growth" quality of the To Kalon Vineyard. It is a classic wine which represents the history of innovation and style at Robert Mondavi Winery.

Genevieve Janssens - Director of Winemaking

• W I N E •

*Varietal composition:*

94% Cabernet Sauvignon  
4% Petit Verdot  
2% Cabernet Franc

*Flavor descriptors:*

An endlessly generous, layered and complex expression of To Kalon terroir: The clean blackberry entry opens up into a delicious mouthful of wild berries, black olive, sage and cassis framed by warm mocha, toasted bread and a touch of granitic minerality. Fine, well-integrated tannins and deep, rich flavors that linger... and linger...

*Wine analysis:*

Total acid: 7.2 g/L  
Final pH: 3.64  
Residual sugar: 0.80 g/L  
Alcohol: 15% by volume

• V I N T A G E •

This notably cool growing season had the beneficial effect of extending hangtime, literally giving the clusters additional time for flavor development. September brought excellent harvest conditions, with an extra surge of heat at the end of the month, and we began harvesting the reserve blocks on October 4th. The heat and consequent rush to harvest worked to our advantage and we brought in the last boxes of grapes on October 20<sup>th</sup>, just ahead of a late October storm.

• V I N E Y A R D S •

When Robert Mondavi chose the To Kalon Vineyard, in west Oakville, as the home for his new winery in 1966 he remarked that, "It was a vineyard with a distinguished history and a magical nature. Ideal soils, sunlight, and rain—to my eye, the vineyard was a treasure." Those sentiments were re-confirmed when the To Kalon Vineyard was named the Vineyard of the Year by the California State Farm Bureau in 2011. Our Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is blended from the finest blocks within To Kalon as well as other select vineyards within the Oakville AVA.

*Appellation: 100% Oakville District, Napa Valley*

*Grape Sourcing: 90% To Kalon Vineyard*

• W I N E M A K I N G •

The grapes were hand-harvested into small containers and carefully sorted in our gravity-flow cellar. The clusters were gently destemmed directly into traditional French oak tanks for cold soak, fermentation and extended maceration – a total of 40 days of wine to skin contact – maximizing the extraction of varietal character and complexity while keeping the tannins round and supple. The new wine was drained and gently pressed into 100% new French-oak barrels for malolactic fermentation, assuring seamless integration of fruit and oak. The final blend was assembled through repeated tasting trials over nineteen months of barrel aging. The wine was bottled in August of 2012.

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