

# BARNETT VINEYARDS

*Spring Mountain District*

NAPA VALLEY

## Rattlesnake Hill

### Cabernet Sauvignon

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2001

<b>Harvest Date:</b>	September 5, 2001
<b>Grape Source:</b>	Rattlesnake Hill Spring Mountain District
<b>Planted:</b>	1984
<b>Cuttings:</b>	Heitz's Martha's Vineyard
<b>Blend:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Aging:</b>	22 months in French Sequin Moreau barrels, Medium plus toast oak, 100% new
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.1%
<b>Total Production:</b>	305 Cases
<b>Release Date:</b>	January 2004
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Charles Hendricks

**Vineyard Notes:** Rattlesnake Hill is a small rocky knoll on the estate, located at 2050 ft elevation on Spring Mountain. The estate vineyard sits high above the inversion layer of fog, providing up to 3 hours additional sunlight per day. This unique microclimate and extremely rocky, porous soils enable the grapes to ripen earlier, evenly and consistently. In 2001, the growing season began early followed by a cooling trend, which lasted until July. Mid summer, sugar ripeness developed evenly and quickly with ideal fruit development displaying dark color and great tannin structure. These smaller than average clusters produced intense fruit.

**Winemaker Notes:** The fruit from Rattlesnake Hill produces aromas of toasted brown sugar, oriental spice and plums with flavors evolving even more while cellaring. The 2001 vintage produced big, bold fruit with an ideal combination of concentration, ripeness and acidity. Across the palate the wine is elegant, seamless and rich with layers and finesse. Dark in color with refined tannins and the ability and balance to age for a decade to come.

**Barnett History:** Founded in 1983, Barnett Vineyards is a family-owned winery located at 2000' elevation atop Spring Mountain. The winery is dedicated to the principles of remaining a small 100% family-owned winery, producing small quantities of estate wines and other varietals sourced from outstanding vineyards in appellations appropriate to each varietal.