

PLUS!*Platinum Series Selection*

Longfellow Wine Company

2002 Cabernet Sauvignon

*Napa Valley***280 Cases produced**

Longfellow Wine Company is owned and operated by two childhood friends, Mark Smith and Craig Whitney. A spring break trip to California during graduate school sparked the two's interest in wine and the Napa Valley. Shortly after graduation the pair decided to follow their dream and start a winery to produce ultra-premium wines in Napa Valley. In 2000, the winery was founded and named Longfellow to honor their hometown neighborhood in Maryland where they first met. To Steve and Mark, the initial release of Longfellow 2001 Cabernet represents their long-term friendship and what's to come. Longtime Napa Valley resident and winemaker Rolando Herrera added his touch to the Longfellow 2002 release. Rolando started his career at Stag's Leap Wine Cellars as their cellar master, where he learned the basics of the wine industry and winemaking. He moved on to become the associate winemaker at Chateau Potelle. From there, Rolando refined his personal style of winemaking talents at Vine Cliff Winery from 1998 until 2001. Most recently, Rolando has his own label, Mi Sueno Winery, and serves as consulting winemaker for a few who share his vision of producing quality Napa Valley wines. Due to the extremely small production, Longfellow's distribution is very limited.

TASTING NOTES

Longfellow Wine Company produce big, bold wines that have deep color and concentrated layers of aromas and flavors that are balanced from start through the finish. The fruit for the Longfellow Cabernet Sauvignon 2002 Napa Valley was sourced from the Purvis Flat Vineyard in Coombsville. Located in southern Napa Valley just east of Napa, Coombsville's closer proximity to the bay and mild elevation provides near perfect growing conditions for the Cabernet Sauvignon grape. Rolando Herrera, winemaker's notes read, "A full and complex wine articulated by elegant black fruits, followed by vanilla and white chocolate. The forward palate begins with full, ripe black fruit (cassis, black cherries, figs, prunes) and develops into a beautifully ripe essence noted by silky tannins and multiple layers through a long and balanced finish." Due to the miniscule production, this very fine Cabernet was not submitted to competitions. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged 21 months in oak. Enjoy now through 2012.

REORDERS

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Winery Direct: \$60.00/bottle

Gold Medal Wine Club's PLUS! price:**Half-Case - \$48.00 /bottle (\$288.00)****Full-Case - \$45.00 /bottle (\$540.00)**

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