

**PLUS!***Diamond Series Selection*

## Whitehall Lane Winery

### 2002 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

A small, family owned winery in Napa Valley's historic Rutherford appellation, Whitehall Lane Winery was founded in 1979, but the soil cultivation actually dates back two centuries to the mid 1800's. Napa Valley settlers were drawn to the site's deep soils and ideal climate, and were the first to plant high quality grape vines on the property. Originally purchased by two brothers who gave the winery the name it still claims today, the Leonardini family took control of the estate in 1993 and instituted a new barrel-aging program and continued sourcing from the finest vineyards. Proprietor Tom Leonardini narrowed the wine portfolio to focus on Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay and purchased four additional vineyards that are now the cornerstone on which all the wines are made. A successful businessman turned wine enthusiast, Tom's work at Whitehall Lane Winery is different from his other business ventures; it's a family business with his wife and five children, and he hopes the winery will be in his family for generations to come. With prestigious honors including wines rated among the **Top Five in the World**, and *twice* named **Winery of the Year**, Whitehall Lane has developed into a world-class standard for beautiful, elegant wines.

### ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

A classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, the Whitehall Lane 2002 Reserve Cabernet was produced from the estate's Leonardini Vineyard in St. Helena, which is known for yielding powerful Bordeaux wines. Since the first release of the Reserve Cabernet in 1991, an unprecedented legacy has occurred, with a consistent collection of honors including a 97 Point rating, being named #3 in the World *and* #5 in the World, all among a heap of Gold Medals. The 2002 vintage is no different, named the outstanding **#1 North American Bordeaux Wine – Trophy Winner** with **Five Stars** by *Decanter*: "Whitehall Lane is the only winery to win this coveted trophy in back-to-back years!" Bold and elegant, the Whitehall Lane 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon has rich, ripe aromas of black currant, cassis and toasty oak. It is beautifully balanced and full-bodied with lovely plush fruit and opulent, concentrated flavors of currant, mulberry and a touch of anise. The rich mid-palate gives way to the long, velvety finish that lingers on and on. Pair with braised beef short ribs and grilled lamb chops. Aged 22 months in oak. 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec. Enjoy now until 2012.

### REORDERS

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Winery Direct: \$85.00/bottle

**Gold Medal Wine Club's PLUS! price:**

**Half-Case - \$75.50 /bottle (\$453.00)**

**Full-Case - \$70.75 /bottle (\$849.00)**

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