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tage we are working with McGrail fruit and subsequent years have repeatedly shown the same pure density of fruit and layered aromatic complexity. • The 2002 McGrail Vineyard Cabernet is extremely dark in color with an opacity that owes to our decision to bottle the wine without filtration or fining. In the nose, the 2002 McGrail is replete with the aromas of cassis, black cherry, pencil shavings, and subtle toasted oak. These aromas are mirrored by the rich flavors of fruit, mocha, and wet earth. As with the best examples of our Cabernet, this wine exhibits beautiful structural balance between acidity that highlights the manifold fruit notes and the fine-grained, firm tannins that provide ample heft for the long-term aging of this outstanding example of Livermore Valley Cabernet. • This Barrel Room Selection wine was fermented in 3/4 ton, open-top containers. The cap was hand-punched 4 times a day to extract tannin, color, and flavor. We did not put the wine through extended maceration given the balance it displayed in post-fermentation tastings. The wine was aged for nearly two years in new French and American oak barrels. • Only in the finest vintages do we offer a Barrel Room Selection wine. Normally, a wine produced from a single vineyard, it is made in extremely small quantities and is deemed to be another step higher in quality than our Livermore Valley blends. In 2002, after tasting through many outstanding lots of Cabernet, this wine (and one other) was awarded Barrel Room Selection status. The 2002 McGrail Vineyard Cabernet represents one of our highest winemaking achievements to date. Only 94 cases were produced, and it is available in our Barrel Room.

2002 McGRAIL VINEYARD

Wine	100% Cabernet
Alcohol	15.1%
pH	3.63
TA62
Clone	8 & 15, Cabernet
Bottles Produced	1,128



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we are working with McGrail fruit and subsequent years have repeatedly shown the same pure density of fruit and layered aromatic complexity. • The 2002 McGrail Vineyard PFW Cabernet is the more fruit-forward of the two McGrail Vineyard wines produced this year. While the wine shares the same extremely dark color as the McGrail Vineyard Cabernet and has similar opacity derived from its lack of filtration or fining, this wine has brighter fruit notes in the nose and mouth. • In the nose, the 2002 McGrail PFW explodes with the aromas of red cherry, blackberry, and mocha. In the mouth, the wine displays beautifully delineated flavors of red fruits, oak, and tobacco. The sense of acidity is greater in the PFW wine than in the McGrail, but the former is also circumscribed by significant levels of tannin. Both of these wines will age beautifully for the next seven to 10 years. • This Barrel Room Selection wine was so individually representative of high-quality that it did not get blended back into a larger lot. PFW refers to “press wine fraction” and describes the process whereby free-run juice is racked from the fermentation tank into barrels and the remaining cap of grape skins is pressed to extract any remaining juice. Usually, this last portion of juice is more tannic than the free-run portion and does not exhibit as many of the finer shadings of the varietal. In this particular wine, we found the opposite to be true. Like its brother McGrail release, this wine was aged for nearly two years in new French and American oak barrels. • Only in the finest vintages do we offer a Barrel Room Selection wine. Normally, a wine produced from a single vineyard, it is made in extremely small quantities and is deemed to be another step higher in quality than our Livermore Valley blends. In 2002, after tasting through many outstanding lots of Cabernet, this wine (and one other) was awarded Barrel Room Selection status. The 2002 McGrail Vineyard PFW Cabernet represents one of our highest winemaking achievements to date. Only 95 cases were produced, and it is available in our Barrel Room.

2002 MCGRAIL VINEYARD “PFW”

Wine	100% Cabernet
Alcohol	14.7%
pH	3.63
TA60
Clone	8 & 15, Cabernet
Bottles Produced	1,140