



## 2007 Ella Sofia Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

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This special 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon commemorates the birth of Jeff and Ingrid's daughter, who was born that year. The grapes come from two mountain vineyards on opposite sides of the Napa Valley. One vineyard is located on the rocky, volcanic soils of Atlas Peak, and the second sits on a rocky hillside just north of the town of St. Helena in the Spring Mountain appellation. Both of these vineyards are approximately 1,000 feet above the Napa Valley floor.

The 2007 harvest was one of the most even ripening, moderately cropped vintages in decades. This robust wine is full-bodied and smooth with a strong, refined structure. It has a dense dark color with aromas of blackberry, black cherry, plum jam, and smoky oak. The wine is ripe and juicy on the palate with intense flavors of berry pie, cocoa, tea, and cassis. The finish is well developed and firm with hints of a pleasant earthiness. This lush Cab has magnificent drinkability at present and will mature wonderfully over the next five to ten years.

The two vineyard lots were vinified separately prior to blending. After a two day cold soak, a combination of punchdowns and pumpovers were employed during fermentation to gain maximum extraction from the skins without harsh tannins. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months prior to bottling in 25% new American, 25% 2-3 year old American and 50% 2-3 year old French oak barrels. 249 cases produced.



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