

1996 Métisse Proprietary Red

*40% Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Merlot
and 30% Cabernet Franc
100% Napa Valley*

Complex bouquet of sweet corn, rose petal, black tea, tobacco, cedar, cigar box and orange flower. The mouthfeel shows softness and elegance, the flavors feel ripe and the wine finishes with ripe, soft and well-integrated tannins.

Production: 240 cases of 750ml; 60 bottles of 1.5 L
 Bottling: June 1998
 Aging: 20 months in 59 gallon barrels;
 65% new oak
 Release: Spring 1999

Robert Parker Jr., - December, 2000
 "A stylish, complex, and elegant wine with graceful, ripe fruit and nicely-integrated tannin and acidity. This is an exceptionally harmonious graceful wine that opens beautifully in the glass."

1996 CJ Cabernet Sauvignon

*100% Cabernet Sauvignon
100% Napa Valley*

The nose exhibits earthy flavors, leather and blackcurrant. A medium bodied wine, the entrance is smooth and seductive with nice aromatics of cola and red cherry. The finish is intense developing supple tannins and animal characters.

Production: 200 cases
 Bottling: June 1998
 Aging: 20 months in 59 gallon barrels;
 45% new oak
 Release: Fall 1998

--- The Wine Spectator, November, 1999
 "Dense and minerally, with a core of tar, earth and black cherry flavors. Rustic but flavorful, with wild tannins."