



## Louis M. Martini® 2003 Lot 1 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

*The concept of Lot wines at Louis M. Martini dates back to 1968 when Louis P. Martini, Michael's father, first made luxury Cabernet Sauvignons from selected barrels which he named by lot numbers. At that time, Louis P. Martini was making Cabernets in the league with other Napa Valley greats, George De Latour, Heitz Martha's Vineyard and Robert Mondavi. Sourcing of his fruit likely included Monte Rosso grapes and other vineyards from his friends in the Napa Valley. The Martini lot wines produced in the late 60s and early 70s were considered among the most collectible of Martini's wines. Once again, today, Michael Martini is able to enjoy access to premium Napa Valley vineyards and blend Cabernet Sauvignons from the best mountain fruit AVAs, just like his father did.*

### Viticulture Notes

2003 saw an uneven start to its growing season, with rain and temperature swings during the early spring. However, the long, sunny, warm California days, balanced with the cool nights from the marine influence, graced the valley in mid-season and contributed to sustained growth in the vineyard. Yields were lower in 2003 and vineyard managers had to keep a close eye on their vines throughout the season. Harvest took place under ideal conditions and the resulting crop was of very high quality.

### Winemaker Notes

The grapes were sourced from the most coveted vineyards in the Napa Valley, dominantly from mountain top AVAs. Hand-picked and hand sorted to keep only the best possible fruit, the grapes were then gravity fed to the fermenters. Lot 1 was one of the first wines made at our new micro-winery which was recently built as an annex to our main facility. There, we used small 3 ½ ton open-top fermentors to perform both punch downs and submerged cap for maximum extraction of flavor and color. The wine spent 24 days on the skins, was sterile filtered but not fined. The Lot 1 wine was aged in medium toasted, 100% new French oak barrels, from various esteemed coopers such as Francois Freres, Seguin Moreau and Vicard, for 15 months.

### Taste Profile

This structurally dense and complex wine was crafted to capture the essence of Napa Valley's diverse mountain terroirs. It offers aromas of blackcurrant, blackberry and dark chocolate with undertones of tobacco and coffee. In the mouth, its firm backbone supports an elegant mid-palate with flavors of toasted nuts and sweet vanilla from the oak that are perfectly blended, adding complexity and finesse to an extremely well balanced wine. This wine can be cellared from 2 to 15 years.

<b>Varietal Content:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Appellation:</b>	Napa Valley
<b>Fruit Origin:</b>	Premium hillside appellations of Napa Valley
<b>Oak Ageing:</b>	100% new French oak barrels for 15 months
<b>Titrateable Acidity:</b>	0.57 g/100ml
<b>pH:</b>	3.62
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.8%
<b>Case Production:</b>	1,330 (9L)