



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2004 “Beau Terre Vineyard” Merlot

Production: 720 cases

Composition: 76% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

Vineyards: Beau Terre, Baker

Appellation: Oak Knoll, Atlas Peak

Elevation: Valley Floor and Hillsides

Vine age: 8-10 years

Cooperage: 16 months in 50 % new French oak (Radoux, Remond, Bossuet and Berger barrels)

Alcohol: 14.72%, TA 0.59, pH 3.59

This 2004 Merlot showcases the Hill Family’s “*Beau Terre*” Vineyard in the Oak Knoll District of the Napa Valley. A cool site with deep stony soils, it is the area where Doug Hill has developed his 30 years of experience growing Merlot. Using clone 181 on 101-14 with 5 x 8 spacing, the vines are on a quadrilateral cordon system with extensive catch wires to expose fruit to the sun, and to shade it in the middle of the day.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s Tasting notes:

Nose: Somewhat shy on opening then almost flowery, then finally a rich savory nose of wood spice and smoke with currant and raspberry fruit.

Palate: The front is soft and balanced with beautiful blueberry and kiwi flavors. Palate swells into a rolling mouth-filling center and then tails off smoothly.