



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2004 Origin

Production: 625 cases

Composition: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 10% Malbec

Vineyards: Beau Terre, Baker and Nelson

Appellations: Oak Knoll, Soda Canyon, Bennett Valley

Elevations: Valley Floor, 1200 ft, 900 ft respectively

Vine Age: 9 to 15 years

Cooperage: 16 months in 45 % new French oak (Remond, Radoux, Berger and Bossuet barrels) with a couple of Hungarian and American oak barrels.

Alcohol: 14.6%, TA 0.68, pH 3.53

“Origin” is the most interesting and balanced wine every year at Hill Family Estate. From the family’s vineyards up in Soda Canyon, the mountains east of Yountville, comes the Baker Ranch Cabernet, and the Soda Canyon Cabernet. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon come from the Beau Terre Vineyard in the Oak Knoll district. Finally, from the Nelson Vineyard in Bennet Valley comes a cool climate Malbec. The ability to combine the finesse of the mountain fruit with the plushy texture of the valley floor Oak Knoll fruit makes it possible to find a deep and interesting wine year after year, though the percentages may change to reflect the attributes of the growing year.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s Tasting notes:

Aroma: Rich and ripe aroma of elder flower and black cherry with deep spice notes.

Palate: Ripe and nicely balanced for its age with cedar and plum, and berry flavors. Still has some underlying youthful lively tannin supporting the whole length of the palate.