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TERRIFIC NEW CABERNETS!

2002 DESTINO 45.00

This fabulous Cabernet continues the long tradition of winning vintages from Destino. Winemaker Ken Bernards of Ancien has evolved an international style of winemaking that enhances texture, mouthfeel, forward fruit and plush tannins in the 2002 Destino. Black fruits framed by sweet French oak are the hallmark of this wine. With its silky mouthfeel, round and rich mid-palate, layered fruit and lengthy, juicy finish, it sets the standard in this price range and is a hedonist's delight. Hooray to owner Chris Calkins and Ken Bernards!



2002 MANTRA 21.75

The first Mantra release in 2000, a lush Alexander Valley Cabernet, was an exciting discovery for us, and over the next two vintages, this wine has been crafted for even greater richness and complexity. Growers Lorene and Mike Kuimelis, Sr. own four vineyards, all on high elevation, low-yielding terrains in Northern Sonoma County. For many years, harvests from these vineyards have been sought by noted wineries. Now, with their son Mike Jr. as winemaker, the Kuimelis family is producing outstanding wines under the Mantra label. The 2002 vintage is a delight to the senses—aromas of blackberry, violets and cinnamon burst from the glass, and luxuriant flavors of currant, cherry, plums and licorice linger on the palate. The supple tannins make the wine delicious to drink now, yet the underlying structure will allow it to cellar well for a few years, too. We salute the Kuimelis family for creating such a beautiful Cabernet—and for offering it at such a reasonable price!