



## **2001 Alloy Santa Cruz Mountains**

**The Wine:** 32% Merlot (from Silver Mountain's estate vineyard)  
62% Cabernet Sauvignon (31% from each of two vineyards: Harvest Moon in the Santa Cruz Mountains, and Mannstand Vineyard in the Santa Clara Valley)  
6% Petit Verdot (from Mannstand Vineyard)  
Alcohol: 14.5%

### **Winemaker's Notes:**

This wine is a blend of four different lots of grapes from three different vineyards: two lots of Cabernet Sauvignon, and one each of Merlot and Petit Verdot. Harvest dates: Merlot on 9 October; Cabernet on 11 and 12 October; Petit Verdot on 26 October.

Not crushed, but destemmed; gravity fed through the entire process.

Fermentation: Whole berry; fermented in small containers; punchdown and drainover five times/day.

Barrels: 22 months; one-third each tight-grained Hungarian oak, French, and American oak.

Bottling: Unfined and unfiltered. 900 cases.

### **Tasting Notes:**

This wine explodes out of the glass with rich blackberry and currant flavors, balanced with a hint of earthy olive and anise. The mouth feel is big yet balanced, tannins firm yet supple and velvety, the palate round and full.

### **Awards:**

Bronze Medal, 2007 San Diego International Wine Competition

Bronze Medal, 2005 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

### **About Silver Mountain Vineyards:**

Visitors to Silver Mountain's mountaintop winery enjoy one of the most spectacular views in the Santa Cruz Mountains, looking out to Monterey Bay. Visitors can also enjoy the winery's Gold Medal-winning wines at its tasting room on Cannery Row in Monterey. Silver Mountain is known for its premium Pinot Noir, Chardonnay produced from its organically-farmed estate vineyard, and its Bordeaux blend Alloy. Handcrafted with a passion for quality, Silver Mountain's wines possess exquisite, complex flavors that are delicious now and also benefit from aging.

Jerold O'Brien, a retired military pilot, recognized the Santa Cruz Mountains for its ability to produce high quality winegrapes, and has operated Silver Mountain Vineyards there since 1979. He is part of the history of winemaking made in this appellation during the 1970s and 80s with such legends as David Bruce, Martin Ray, and David Bennion (Ridge Vineyards); and continuing now with the growth of wineries in the mountains now numbering 70. Silver Mountain has survived floods and landslides, forest fire, and the '89 Loma Prieta earthquake which destroyed the winery. Jerold has since rebuilt, and today Silver Mountain produces Gold Medal-winning wines.

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