



## **2002 Alloy Central Coast**

**The Wine:** 51% Cabernet Sauvignon (32% Soma and 19% Mannstand Vineyards)  
37% Merlot (from Bellicitti Vineyard)  
6% Cabernet Franc and 6% Petit Verdot (from Mannstand Vineyard)  
Alcohol: 14.5%

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

This wine is a blend of five different lots of grapes from three different vineyards: two lots of Cabernet Sauvignon, and one each of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The first Cabernet, from Soma Vineyard, was harvested on 5 October at 25.6° Brix. The last lot, the Petit Verdot, from Mannstand Vineyards, was harvested on 7 November at 23.7° Brix. The pH at harvest varied from 3.41 to 3.55.

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

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

Barrels: 16 months; 60% in tight-grained Hungarian oak, 40% older French.

Bottling: 30 August, 2004. Unfined and unfiltered. 1003 cases.

### **Tasting Notes:**

This big, luscious wine is redolent of cherries, black currants, espresso and cocoa, with a hint of violets. The fruit is so unctuous it practically explodes out of the glass! The mouth feel is big yet balanced, tannins firm yet supple and velvety, the palate round and full. Hints of cedar and nutmeg linger on the finish. This wine will age beautifully, and will pair well with hearty meals or with an aged, slightly salty cheese.

### **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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