

ÆROS

Goosecross Cellars
Napa Valley - Vintage 2003
Cabernet Sauvignon

This vintage 2003 ÆROS Cabernet from Goosecross has earned its wings. A stunning wine... dark and deep, this vintage 2003 ÆROS Cabernet yields the trademark cherry flavors of the Napa Valley region. Rich aromas of cassis, black cherry, strawberry and mocha intrigue the senses while hints of clove, leather, mint, almond and vanilla oak offer a seductive, smoky, toasty quality. Lush berry and cherry flavors are accented by hints of licorice and herbs, finely structured by long dusty tannins that edge toward warm cedar and spice. This wine is bold, yet soft, round, balanced and beautifully expressive. This powerfully structured wine should age for ten years if cellared properly; however, by decanting ÆROS, you can enjoy it now, as the flavors of the grapes are so intense.

The beautiful bottle and label are the hallmark of our ÆROS series. This label, first introduced on vintage 1992, was the first metal label in the industry and the plates were forged by a jeweler. The label itself is made of nickel and copper, bringing the exquisite art and design of the bottle together with the extraordinary quality of this wine.

We named this collector series of luxury wines after ÆROS (pronounced EROS), the God of Flight - the God of Love (Cupid), a winged god, which marries our name "Goosecross" and the theme of flight. ÆROS fell in love with Psyche, a mortal woman who eventually achieved goddess status through her marriage to ÆROS, and who is pictured in the center of the label. Psyche had the mystical power to turn water to wine and it was their desire, passion, seduction, and eventual marriage that brought love to earth.

Goosecross owners, David Topper and Geoff Gorsuch, used the earthly metals nickel and copper because the meaning of the myth is to bring love to earth. The bottle design is feminine with its sleek, sexy profile and the label symbolizes a piece of jewelry across her breast. The wine inside the bottle is bold, straightforward and robust -- 100% masculine.

ÆROS represents the perfect balance between the masculine and feminine energies on earth, as it commemorates love, pleasure, lasting relationships and all things with which wine has been associated since becoming "the nectar of the gods".

This Cabernet is for people who really love wine, to be shared with those who really love each other.

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ÆROS Vintage 2003 is the fifth Cabernet ever produced by Goosecross Cellars under the ÆROS label. The goals of Winemaker Geoff Gorsuch were simple, to produce a rich, flavorful, elegant, "hand-crafted" wine of exceptional quality. To meet this goal, the grapes for this unique vintage were harvested from three very different and distinct growing districts of Napa Valley. These districts include the prestigious and highly prized "Mountain" Cabernet of the Howell Mountain appellation and softer, robustly flavored Cabernet and Merlot grapes from the "valley floor" and "bench soil" of Napa Valley.

This ÆROS Cabernet is truly seductive.

Technical Notes

Release Date:	June 2005
Total Cases:	230 cases (750ml) 24 bottles (1.5L) 12 bottles (3L) 6 bottles (6L)
Appellations:	Howell Mountain Napa Valley
Components:	60% Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Napa Valley Merlot
Alcohol:	14.6%
Total Acidity:	.61
pH:	3.72
Residual Sugar:	<.1% (Dry)
Stainless Fermented:	100% (pump-over)
French Oak:	100% (Nevers, Alliers, COF) 60% new oak, medium toast
Oak Aging:	16 Months
Harvest Dates:	September & October, 2003
Bottled:	May 11, 2005

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