

# DELECTUS

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## 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Sacrashe Vineyard

In 1979 the original three owners (Sacri, Craig and Sherwin) took the first few letters of their last names and created "Sacrashe" Vineyard. It is situated high above Auberge du Soleil in the eastern Rutherford appellation at 750-800 feet elevation. The vineyard is hidden behind groves of century old oaks and clusters of manzanita brush. The growing conditions are tough due to rocks and tufa (solidified volcanic ash), limiting the vines' vigor and crop yields (1.8 tons per acre), but offering explosive flavors and concentration. A vineyard manager's nightmare turns into a winemaker's dream, as the small berries are loaded with intense flavors and tannin, ultimately producing our most extravagant Cabernet.

Vineyards:	Sacrashe
Appellation:	Rutherford, Napa Valley
Composition:	95.5% CS, 4.5% ML
Case Production:	430
Release Date:	05/05

*Winemaker notes:* Aromas of wet clay, nutmeg, and cedar. The mouth is huge, full, focused, extracted, features lots of dark fruit. The 100% new oak for two years is unnoticeable!!! A quite tannic powerhouse. (GR, updated 01/05)