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2001 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:	540
Release Date:	May 2005

Winemaker notes: The nose features dark toast, smoked ham hock, coffee grounds, lavender, and blackberry cobbler. The mouth is intense, still very youthful, heavily centered, raw flavors of dark fruit, and a seamless stuffing all the way to the mile-long finish. Very impressive, though it should be given additional aging. (GR 4/05)