

2001 BACIO DIVINO

Bacio Divino Cellars, St. Helena, California www.baciodivino.com

Varietal Content: 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Sangiovese, 14% Petit Sirah

Aging: All wines were aged in various new and one year old French Oak barrels, from November 2001 to July 2003.

Alcohol: 14.1% alcohol/volume

Grape Sources: Our primary Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards are in the Rutherford appellation. The Sangiovese comes from a high elevation vineyard in Atlas Peak (harvested in November), and our Petit Sirah vineyard is located just north of Calistoga. All fruit and wines are Napa appellation.

Total Production: 1525 cases.

Release Date: February 2003

Winemaker: Claus Janzen

Consulting Winemaker: Nils and Kirk Venge

Blending: Unlike wines that typify a certain terroir, our wines are blends in the classic sense. We choose the most expressive barrels of each varietal and utilize the 'art' of blending to produce a final wine that is superior to each of its components.

Tasting Notes: The wine is deeply Cabernet colored, complex and layered in blackberry and current fruit. The intriguing Sangiovese varietal adds linear tannins and an indigenous fruitiness. The Petit Sirah adds a firm structural backbone and a fresh, bright acidity to the wine. Overall, Bacio Divino is balanced, precocious in its youth, generous in flavor and aroma, yet retains an elegance not always found in California wines.

An important review of this vintage: Bacio Divino. 2001 Napa Red Rated 93+, Outstanding. The flagship offering, and one of the most interesting blends from northern California, is the proprietary Red Wine. Composed of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Sangiovese, and 14% Petit Syrah, it is a structured, closed, but dense, promising, rich, deep, and full-bodied effort. Aromas of black fruits, loamy soil, incense, minerals, pepper, and cedar are present in this impeccably balanced offering. With good underlying acidity and ripe tannin, this knockout red should handsomely repay cellaring. Give it 1-3 more years of bottle age, and drink it over the following 10-12.