

2003 BACIO DIVINO

Bacio Divino Cellars, St. Helena, California

Varietal Content: 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot 19% Sangiovese, 9% Petit Sirah, 6% Syrah

Aging: All wines were aged in various new and one-year-old French Oak barrels, from November, 2003 to July, 2005.

Alcohol: 14.1% alcohol/volume

Grape Sources: Our Cabernet Sauvignon comes from 7 various vineyards, including world-class vineyards such as 'To-Kalon Vineyard' in Oakville, 'Georges Latour III Vineyard' in Rutherford, and our own 'Stix & Stones Vineyard' in Dutch Henry Canyon near Howell Mountain. The Sangiovese comes from a high elevation vineyard in Atlas Peak, and a hillside vineyard in the heart of the Oakville appellation. The Petit Sirah vineyard is located just north of Calistoga. All fruit and wines are Napa appellation.

Total Production: 1400 cases.

Release Date: Spring, 2006

Winemaker: Claus Janzen

Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturist:
Nils and Kirk Venge

Robert Parker of *The Wine Advocate*:

2003 BACIO DIVINO RATED 93PTS, OUTSTANDING

This innovative effort from Claus Janzen is made with the assistance of Nils Venge's winemaker son, Kirk Venge. Concentrated, serious, and complex is the 2003 Proprietary Red, a combination of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Sangiovese, Petite Sirah, and Syrah. In contrast to the leaner, more austere and streamlined 2002, the 2003 is an exuberant, flamboyant, dense ruby/purple-colored effort offering a rich, sumptuous nose of black raspberries, spice box, cedar, subtle Provencal herbs, and earth. Full-bodied, expansive, and beautifully textured, this is a savory, sumptuous wine to drink over the next 5-8 years.