

Bacio Divino 2004

"Many years ago I was introduced to an atypical French wine, Domaine de Trevallon. The winemaker, Eloi Durrbach broke with tradition by straying from the accepted varietals of the region to create a unique blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Critics raved about the wine, and Domaine de Trevallon has consequently generated a loyal following. In the 1990's as a newcomer to the Napa Valley, I had the opportunity to begin my own unconventional experimentation. I blended Sangiovese with everything from Cabernet to Gamay, but a certain magic happened when I concentrated on the Cabernet. You cannot 'up' the structure of Napa Cabernet, so I quickly determined that the focus of the wine should be Cabernet Sauvignon. Adding both the Sangiovese and Petit Sirah gave this Cabernet a twist in terms of complexity. The whole concept of creating a wine through a blending process was as rewarding to me as anything I'd ever accomplished. I believed I had created a wine whose whole was better than its individual parts."

- Claus Janzen

VARIETAL CONTENT

57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Sangiovese, 17% Petit Sirah and 9% Merlot

The Vineyards that provide the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot for the Bacio Divino are the acclaimed To Kalon Vineyard in Oakville, George Latour III Vineyard in Rutherford, and our own Cloudy's Vineyard in Dutch Henry Canyon at the base of Howell Mountain. The Sangiovese comes from a high elevation vineyard in Atlas Peak. The Petit Sirah is from an old-vine vineyard just north of Calistoga.

WINEMAKING TEAM

Our winemaking team consists of owner Claus Janzen and famed consultants Nils and Kirk Venge.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE # 168

"The flagship offering, the 2004 Bacio Divino Proprietary Red, is a blend of 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, and equal parts Sangiovese and Petite Sirah. A dramatic wine, it offers notes of black raspberries, incense, Provencal herbs, spice box, and sweet cherries."

OUTSTANDING, 90 Rating