



**SEABISCUIT RANCH®**

## **2003 TRIFECTA (Bordeaux Blend), Mendocino County appellation:**

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This is an exceptional red wine blend of three classic varieties. It is the first release of Seabiscuit Ranch TRIFECTA. Our objective is to produce a proprietary true “reserve” quality wine comprised primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon with nuances gained with the addition of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. All these varieties develop mouth-filling fruit flavors and finesse in Mendocino County.

### **Winemaker’s Comments:**

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“The 2003 weather was relatively constant – without extremes – slightly cooler than normal and dry. This allowed the grapes to mature slowly and develop flavors of ripe plums, cherries and blackberries. The grapes were harvested by hand, crushed into stainless steel tanks and fermented dry. In October 2003 after pressing, the wines were transferred into small oak barrels for flavors to develop and natural tannins to soften.

After 15 months in barrels, in January 2005 we selected the premium barrels of each variety and made the blend that went into new American oak barrels for seven additional months of aging prior to final blending and bottling. The wine has deep purple color, concentrated ripe fruit aromas and flavors, with medium-to-robust body. It has soft tannins and is ideal for drinking now, yet will benefit from further bottle aging for many years.

The grape blend follows. Cabernet Sauvignon: 72%; Merlot: 23%; Cabernet Franc: 5%.

In winemaking, we selected our *trifecta* of three reserve quality classic varieties, blending to create the *winning combination* of a proprietary exceptional wine. Enjoy!”

### **Technical Information:**

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Harvested:	Sept. 19 through Oct. 18, 2003 (for three varieties)
Average sugar at harvest:	25.4 degrees Brix
Varietal Blend:	72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel tanks
Barrel Aging:	American and French small oak barrels 22 months
Alcohol at bottling:	14.1 percent by volume
Bottling:	July 11, 2005
Production:	555 cases (12x750ml); 10 cases (6x1.5l)
Suggested retail price:	\$28.00 for 750ml bottle