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Talianna 1999

**Cabernet Sauvignon (80%)/Syrah (20%)
Rutherford (80%)/Sierra Foothills (20%) - California**

Bell Wine Cellars is committed to hand-crafting limited edition bottlings of extraordinary wines that best reflect the terroir of their vineyards and the care and passion of their growers. In Talianna, named after Sandra's daughters, Talia and Anna, we have created our first blended wine, capturing the unique fruit expressions of our two most important vineyards.

Vineyards

The Baritelle Vineyard is located in the Rutherford appellation of Napa Valley. The Cabernet grapes are grown in a select, well-drained, gravelly area of the vineyard we call the knoll. This block was planted in 1985 to the Jackson Clone of Cabernet Sauvignon, an Old World Cabernet importation into California in the late 1800's. Rutherford is one of the best areas in California to produce quality Cabernet Sauvignon; benefiting from the warm sunny days, moderated by the cooling influence of San Francisco Bay.

The Canterbury Vineyard is located in California's Gold Country, the Sierra Foothills, at an elevation of 2,000 feet. Uniquely situated on a peninsula surrounded on three sides by the New Melones Dam, the vineyard enjoys a microclimate with warm sunny days, no fog, and moderated by cool breezes off the dam. Well-drained soils with a shallow layer of schist restricts root growth, result in vines yielding intensely flavored fruit.

Vinification

Talianna is a blend of barrel aged Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Both varietals were aged separately in a combination of French and American oak barrels and then specific barrels were selected to become part of the final blend. The final blend was aged in 80% new oak. The wine has not been fined and was gently filtered prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

The rich luscious fruit of the Syrah (20%) combines with the supple tannins and elegant structure of the Cabernet Sauvignon (80%) to produce a wine with exceptional fruit on both the nose and palate. Aged in 80% new oak barrels, the resulting wine has a beautiful balance between fruit, oak, tannins and acidity with an elegant finish. An expression of vineyard and variety, this rich and complex wine will mature beautifully.

Technical Analysis

Varietal:	Cabernet Sauvignon (80%), Syrah (20%)
Source:	Baritelle Vineyard, Rutherford, Napa Valley (80%) Canterbury Vineyard, Sierra Foothills (20%)
Total Acid	0.60 gm/100ml
pH	3.58
Alcohol	14.2%
Aging	18 months in French Oak, 80% new
Bottle Date	April 2001
Production	280 cases
Suggested Retail	\$35.00

