

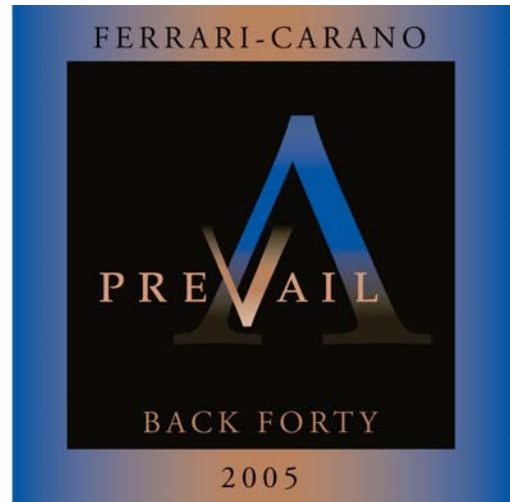
FERRARI-CARANO'S PREVAIL BACK FORTY

VINTAGE
2005

APPELLATION
Alexander Valley

BLEND
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

COOPERAGE
90% new French oak,
10% older French oak



TASTING NOTES

At only 1.5 tons per acre, the grapes for Back Forty are grown on low-yielding vines on a 40 acre, 1,100-foot elevation vineyard block at the back side of Ferrari-Carano's RockRise Mountain in Alexander Valley. Vibrant boysenberry, cassis and caramel aromas blend with pure and harmonious layers of blackberry, currant and ripe black cherry flavors on the palate, while nuances of dark chocolate and espresso roast give way to creamy oak flavors and texture. The soft, dense and refined tannins set apart this expansive wine of extraordinary elegance.

VINTAGE NOTES

Our mountain vines are dry farmed in shallow, rocky, low-vigor soil that add impressive depth and concentration of flavor intensity to the wine. A wet winter gave way to a late March warming trend making for great bud break and a quick start to the growing season. A mild summer yielded grapes of wonderful balance, bright varietal characteristics and rich, plentiful tannins. The last of the grapes were harvested in early November.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes for Back Forty are hand-harvested, and upon entering the winery, hand-sorted and then gravity fed directly into oak tanks for seven days of cold soaking. After primary fermentation, the wine is gravity fed to barrel for malolactic fermentation and aged in the wine caves for 22 months, with an additional 14 months aging in bottle prior to release.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Back Forty pairs well with roasted, broiled or barbequed red meats such as lamb, beef, pork or veal. Medium and strong-flavored semi-soft, semi-hard, aged or creamy cheeses work well, or pair Back Forty with a dark chocolate dessert for a special treat.

WINE INFORMATION

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| Bottled: | September 2007 |
| Released: | Spring 2009 |
| Alcohol: | 14.5% |
| pH: | 3.9 |
| TA: | 0.53 |

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