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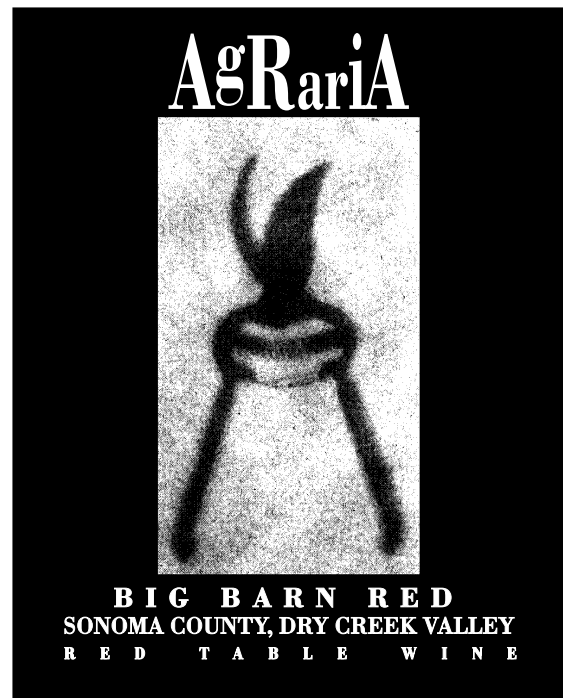


1997 AGRARIA BIG BARN RED

BRADFORD MOUNTAIN VINEYARD, DRY CREEK VALLEY

Technical Data:

Composition:	100% Bradford Mountain Vineyard 74% Cabernet Franc 26% Merlot
Appellation:	Bradford Mountain Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Date:	Sept. 19, 1997
Alcohol:	13.8%
pH:	3.52
TA:	0.70g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	22 months
Type of Oak:	60% new French oak 40% 1-2 yr-old French oak
Bottling Date:	Aug. 9, 1999
Production:	500 – 6 packs
Release Date:	December 2000



Tasting Notes:

The union of Cabernet Franc (74%) and Merlot (26%) creates an enticing wine with endless layers of complexity.

A dense, inky dark purple wine with a perfumey nose of penetrating dark fruit, cedar, powdered dark cocoa and a subtle smokiness. Velvety smooth flavors of ripe, rich cherries, brambly berries, plum and currants dance with notes of spiced pepper and dark chocolate. Followed by a lingering finish of cedar, tobacco and leather.

Vineyard:

Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard, on the western edge of Dry Creek Valley, is 32 acres on the very top of the mountain (elevation 1000 feet) planted in the 1980s. Great pains were taken to search for the proper varietals and clones to plant in the mineral-rich mountain soil. Well-drained, red-clay soil, combined with sunny days and cool nights produce small, intensely flavored grapes with a higher acidity and a lower pH than valley fruit. These grapes are picked at a higher sugar to achieve the perfect balance for exceptional wines.