



OPUS ONE



VINTAGE 1996

Opus One was founded by Baron Philippe de Rothschild, legendary proprietor of Château Mouton Rothschild, and renowned Napa Valley vintner Robert Mondavi. By combining the great winemaking traditions and innovations of both families, the founders' singular goal was to create an exceptional wine in the heart of Napa Valley.

Opus One, like any great work, arose out of passion. Dedicated to uncompromised quality, Opus One's sole purpose is to express this vision and passionate spirit for generations to come.

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A decreased berry set in May followed by sunny days and warm July nights brought the smaller-than-average crop of 1996 to maturity in mid-September. Offering hints of violets and mint on the nose, the 1996 Opus One shows intense flavors of blackberry, chocolate and roasted coffee. Its soft texture and deep, plush flavors are supported by a firm structure and elegant middle body. The 1996 imparts a persistently long finish that forecasts long bottle aging.

VARIETALS

Cabernet Sauvignon 86%, Cabernet Franc 8%, Merlot 3% and Malbec 3%

SKIN CONTACT

37 days

BARREL AGING

19 months in new French oak