

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.

## VINTAGE 1998

Already slowed by El Niño's winter flooding, the growing season of 1998 extended into late October, promoting a very long ripening period for Opus One's grapes. Supple and lush, the 1998 Opus One shows an opaque purple color and intense aromas of blackberries, vanilla, and roasted espresso and caramel. The wine offers a resilient middle body, with seamless texture and a long, persistent finish.

## VARIETALS

Cabernet Sauvignon 91%, Cabernet Franc 7%, Merlot 1%, Malbec and Petit Verdot 1%

SKIN CONTACT 36 days

BARREL AGING 16 months in new French oak

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