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Winemaker:	Rick Sayre
Blend:	73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc
Appellation:	Alexander Valley
Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.63 gm/100ml
pH:	3.60
Residual Sugar:	0.03%
Cellar & Fermentation:	28 months in oak, 12% New American, 36% New French, 52% two and three year old barrels

History

Celebrating the esteemed art of blending, the spirit of Symmetry is truly the essence of Sonoma County. With nearly 40 years experience growing classic French grape varieties here, we select our best cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc from mountain and hillside vineyards in Alexander Valley, where well-drained rocky soils combine with warm, sunny days and cool nights to provide ideal growing conditions for Bordeaux varieties.

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In the Vineyards

Unique areas within each vineyard are hand harvested individually, fermented separately and aged for two years in French and American oak barrels. Every barrel is tasted and graded, and only the highest graded barrels are considered for the final blend. Once this careful blending is complete, we bottle and age the wine for an additional two years prior to release.

Tasting Notes

The 2001 Symmetry greets you with an opulent bouquet of blackberries, ripe dark plums and sweet spices. The wine opens generously on the palate with layers of blackberry, cassis and plum framed with accents of dark chocolate and spice. The finish is persistent and smooth. This wine is at once rich, harmonious, powerful, and elegant; a wine intended to be enjoyable on release, yet destined for years of further evolution in the bottle. Savor it!

SYMMETRY ACCOLADES

- ✿ **Double Gold** – 2006 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition; 2001 Vintage
- ✿ **Gold** – Hilton Head International Judging & Competition Feb 2006; 2001 Vintage