

## 2003 BACIO DIVINO

Bacio Divino Cellars, St. Helena, California

- Varietal Content: 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot 19% Sangiovese, 9% Petit Sirah, 6% Syrah
- Aging: All wines were aged in various new and one-year-old French Oak barrels, from November, 2003 to July, 2005.
- Alcohol: 14.1% alcohol/volume
- Grape Sources: Our Cabernet Sauvignon comes from 7 various vineyards, including world-class vineyards such as 'To-Kalon Vineyard' in Oakville, 'Georges Latour III Vineyard' in Rutherford, and our own 'Stix & Stones Vineyard' in Dutch Henry Canyon near Howell Mountain. The Sangiovese comes from a high elevation vineyard in Atlas Peak, and a hillside vineyard in the heart of the Oakville appellation. The Petit Sirah vineyard is located just north of Calistoga. All fruit and wines are Napa appellation.
- Total Production: 1400 cases.
- Release Date: Spring, 2006
- Winemaker: Claus Janzen
- Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturist:  
Nils and Kirk Venge

Robert Parker of *The Wine Advocate*:

### **2003 BACIO DIVINO RATED 93PTS, OUTSTANDING**

This innovative effort from Claus Janzen is made with the assistance of Nils Venge's winemaker son, Kirk Venge. Concentrated, serious, and complex is the 2003 Proprietary Red, a combination of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Sangiovese, Petite Sirah, and Syrah. In contrast to the leaner, more austere and streamlined 2002, the 2003 is an exuberant, flamboyant, dense ruby/purple-colored effort offering a rich, sumptuous nose of black raspberries, spice box, cedar, subtle Provencal herbs, and earth. Full-bodied, expansive, and beautifully textured, this is a savory, sumptuous wine to drink over the next 5-8 years.