



### CHATEAU LA GRANDE ROCHE

Chateau La Grande Roche is a brand within the Forman Vineyard family of wines. The name was derived in recognition of the presence of the gravel nature of the Forman Vineyard property which is surrounded by massive boulders (Grande Roche) in a true clos-like fashion. It is 100% estate grown and is generally predominantly made up of Cabernet Sauvignon but, depending on the vintage, can also have Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petite Verdot as minority components of the blend. The brand was created 25 years ago to insure that the Forman Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon would consistently meet the exacting standards that the wine maintains.

One could analogize the brand as Grande Roche is to Forman Vineyard as Pavillion Rouge is to Margeaux. Certain lots of wine each year, because of the extremely tight specifications of quality for the Forman Vineyard Cabernet, become necessary to isolate and thus go into the Grande Roche blend. Rarely, because of the high-quality of the grapes produced on the estate, are the selected lots terribly far off from the quality of the Forman Vineyards lots. The wine is treated in the cellar in the same fashion that the Forman Vineyard is only not aged in new barrels as the Forman is. Because of the superb quality that this small estate produces even the Grande Roche wine is always extremely impressive and certainly represents incredible value.

Production is small ranging from 350-600 cases annually. We don't allocate this wine. Rather, we put it on a first-come first-basis!