

I BRAND & FAMILY CABERNET SAUVIGNON, BATES RANCH, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS



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Bates Ranch Vineyard is a secret gem of the trinity of Bordeaux varietal sites nestled in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Our Cabernet Sauvignon fruit is from a small block planted atop rich red Franciscan volcanic influenced rocks in 1978. A classic example of Cabernet Sauvignon.

Ian Brand puts a lot of miles on his car exploring & discovering great vineyards at the edge of sensible farming in Central California. He finds the remote, challenging vineyards that can produce only the most idiosyncratic wines. With hard depleted soils & intense sunlight, they are tempered only by the coastal breeze. His goal is to lightly polish the roughest edges & leave the idiosyncrasy intact. It is there in the back country of Monterey & San Benito county that Ian's wines come to life.

The I. Brand & Family wines are small lot, single-vineyard selections that Ian wishes to showcase.

"We are not in "wine country" nor do we have trophy wineries. This is farm land, desolate hills & solitude. What we do is simple, without artifice & we enjoy it."

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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