

CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE



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87 **FRANUS Brandlin Vineyard Mt. Veeder 2001**

If never less than fully ripe, this full and somewhat fleshy wine favors fruit at every turn and sports a fine streak of vanillin oak as a complement to its central theme of berries. It tightens at the finish and shows a bit of "mountain" toughness as it ends, yet it is built for keeping and seems certain to benefit from a few years of further cellaring.



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