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Lewelling Vineyards, which remains an incredibly underrated source of top flight Cabernet Sauvignon, has produced fabulous 2001s. A historical estate, founded in 1864 in the western foothills of St. Helena, the vineyard (28 acres) is one of the oldest family run estates in Napa Valley. The **2001 Cabernet Sauvignon** exhibits extraordinary elegance and fragrance as well as that full-bodied ripeness and voluptuousness that California Cabernet can provide. Its inky/purple color is followed by a tremendous bouquet of smoke, licorice, roasted meats, new saddle leather, and gobs of black currant as well as blackberry fruit. It is a tremendously intense yet impeccably well-balanced Cabernet with a lushness and fragrance that suggest early drinkability. It should be accessible young yet keep and evolve for 15+ years. Great purity is a hallmark of this estate. Their **2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Wight Vineyard** possesses exceptional stature, a seamless personality, and superbly rich, pristine black currant fruit that cascades over the palate in a beautifully textured, full-bodied style. The finish lasts for 45-50 seconds. The two wines' colors are similar, but the single vineyard offering has several more layers of richness and intensity. This great effort should hit its stride in 2-3 years, and last for 15-18. No single vineyard cuvée was produced in 2000 by this excellent, underrated winery, but their deep ruby/purple colored **2000 Cabernet Sauvignon** is an impressive effort in this difficult vintage. It boasts a pure nose of crème de cassis, vanilla, and spice as well as a lovely texture, and sweet, up-front fruit. It can be drunk now or cellared for 10-12 years. Kudos to the proprietors.

2001 Cabernet Sauvignon	93 pts
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2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Wight Vineyard	95 pts