



Grasso Napa Valley

2005 Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon

Release Notes

VINEYARD

- Appellation:** Napa Valley.
Property: The Grasso's designated Olive Ridge Vineyard is located on their Napa Valley Estate Compound, east of the City of Napa.
Clones: The vines are planted on 1103P, clone 7 on the slopes and 5C, clone 7 in the flats.
Vine Age: 12-15 years.
Trellis: We utilize a GDC quadrilateral trellis system with the row direction planted north/south to take advantage of east/west sun.
Site: The soil is a rocky/cobbly alluvial normally found in hillside vineyards.
Farming: The vineyard is never tilled but mowed to prevent erosion. Canopy management is constantly worked throughout the growing season. Total yield in the vineyard is limited to 2.9 to 3.5 tons per acre.

HARVEST

- Date:** Hand harvested on October 31, 2005
Brix: 25.6 °
Season: Extended cool weather and rains in spring resulted in late bud break in Napa Valley. A long, temperate growing season followed however, allowing for a slow, full ripening of the fruit and development of tannins.

WINEMAKING

- 3 days cold soaked.
- Combination Punch Down and Pump Over 3 times daily.
- Total Skin maceration time 23 days.
- Barrel aged for 19 months in 66% new tight-grained French and Hungarian oak from Demptos, Gamba and Seguin Moreau.
- Un-fined and un-filtered. 525 cases made.

RELEASE TASTING NOTES

- Aromas of black cherry and raspberry, followed by hints of oak and tobacco reveal themselves as this deep black garnet wine opens up in the glass. A viscous palate coats the mouth with cranberry and hints of mocha. Lasting tannins mark the finish of a cellar worthy Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

TECHNICAL DATA

- ABV: 14.5% - RS: Dry - PH: 3.85 - TA: 0.58
- 100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon from our Olive Ridge Vineyard.

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