



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 in the foothills of Mt. George.
Clones: The vines are planted on 1103P, clone 7 on the slopes and 5C, clone 7 in the flat areas.
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.
Yield: Total yield in the vineyard is limited to 2.9 to 3.5 tons per acre to ensure a concentrated cabernet sauvignon.

HARVEST

- Date:** Hand harvested on October 31, 2005
Brix: 24.8 °
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.
- 100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon from our Olive Ridge Vineyard.

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. Alcohol – 14.5%.

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