



2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Wine

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA' S TASTING NOTES

The wine shows intense ruby color. The very seductive nose reveals fresh crushed berries of cassis, rose petal, strawberry and cherry essence. The attack is dense with soft velvety texture and layered with fruits. It expresses the finesse and harmony of a "grand vin". It is very delicate on the palate and still has amazing concentration and length. Enjoy the beautiful fruit today and then watch it evolve over time.

For optimum enjoyment of this wine, please decant and serve at about 64 °F.

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VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot
Appellation: Napa Valley (nestled in Soda Canyon just south of Stags Leap District)
Blend: 100% Roy Estate 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot
Harvested: September 28, 2005-October 17, 2005

VINIFICATION

Crushed into open top fermenters
Maceration Time: 21 days
Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermented

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

BARREL AGE

24 months in new French oak
No fining / No filtration

BOTTLED

December 3, 2007

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.2% TA: 5.6 g/l pH: 3.90

PRODUCTION

585 cases



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A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: **94** points

Drink: 2008-2028

Source: Wine Advocate #180 (Dec. 2008)

The bottled 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon (90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot) is even better than the barrel samples tasted last year. Surprisingly soft, but complex, it offers notes of damp earth, black currants, incense, cedar, and spice. Ripe and medium to full-bodied with excellent fruit purity, and charming texture as well as length, it can be consumed now, although its equilibrium and balance suggest it will last for two decades. This 17-acre Soda Canyon site originally planted by Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer has tight 3 x 6 spacing, and produces two wines, a Cabernet Sauvignon and an estate proprietary blend. Proprietors Shirley and Charles Roy have demonstrated courage as well as passion in attempting to craft some of the finest wines to emerge from this area of Napa. Winemaker Philippe Melka brings a French savoir-faire to Napa Valley's gorgeous fruit.

—Robert Parker