

Jeff Gordon 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Tasting Notes

Our 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon shows deep, almost opaque red/purple. On the nose are dusty plum and rich black raspberry aromas with hints of anise, roasted coffee bean and cocoa. The tannins are upfront and coating, but soft and integrated. The velvety tannins give way to soft and lush plum and brambleberry flavors, showing touches of vanilla and sandalwood.

We produced only 249 cases of this incredible wine! This vintage has proven spectacular for aging and is presently showing beautifully with aeration. Drink now or cellar this wine for another four to seven years.

Winemaking Notes

The 2005 vintage was slow going at first, but toward the end of the season temperatures rose to ripen the grapes to their full potential. The extended hang time allowed for great flavor development and mature tannins.

The grapes for this wine were picked from cherished mountain vineyards in North/Central Napa. After a 4 day cold soak, the must was inoculated and fermented in small, open top fermenters until dry. Thereafter, they were pressed, settled and allowed to finish Malo-lactic fermentation in 30 percent first year American oak, and a blend of second and third year old French and American barrels, for nearly 19 months. This wine was bottled unfiltered/unfiltered.

Vineyards

Stagecoach Vineyards (Atlas Peak/Napa)
Corbett Vineyards (Spring Mountain/St. Helena)

Specifications

Production: 249 cases

Alcohol: 14.5%

Barrel Aging: 19 months

Barrel Types: 30% new American Oak,
70% 2-3 year French and American Oak