

VILLA^{MT.} EDEN

2005 GRAND RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Spiced black plum aromas intermixed with caramel cherry flavors are generously displayed in our 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon. On the palate, subtle oak nuances and earthy currant characters combine to present a richly textured tapestry reflective of its Napa Valley roots.

Michael McGrath
Winemaker

VINEYARDS

- The growing season was defined by periods of above average temperatures early on and cooler temperatures during maturation.
- 2005 was a bountiful harvest, creating aromatic and flavorful wines due to the extremely long growing and maturity seasons.
- The primary source of this wine is our Tall Trees Vineyard in Yountville. Planted in 1998, these vines are just beginning to hit full stride.
- The Bordeaux classical blending varietals of Malbec, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc are also grown at Tall Trees Vineyard and integrated into this wine.

WINEMAKING

- Napa Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were harvested at optimal maturity. Thirty percent whole berries were introduced into the fermentors to help preserve, ripe fruit flavors, and minimize aggressive tannin extraction.
- Gentle pumpovers and rack & returns extraction techniques were employed over an eight-day fermentation to enhance color and flavor extraction.
- Secondary fermentations were completed and barrel aging lasted for 24 months in 60% French and 40% American oak barrels.
- Regular quarterly rackings gracefully age the wines while gradually clarifying them. Minimal fining and filtration helped maintain the integral character of the vineyards.



TECHNICAL DATA

<i>Total Acidity</i>	0.59g/100ml
<i>pH</i>	3.52
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.4%
<i>Blend</i>	87% Cabernet Sauvignon 7% Cabernet Franc 4% Merlot 2% Malbec

FOOD PAIRINGS

- Rack of lamb seasoned in breadcrumbs with salt & garlic
- Meat Loaf
- Spaghetti a la carbonara



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