



29 ESTATE 2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Harvest Date

October 24 to 27, 2005

Barrel Age

19 months, 90% new oak

Cooperage

Taransaud, Demptos, St. Martin

Bottling Date

May 8, 2007

Alcohol

14.8%

Release Date

Fall 2008

The 2005 growing season started slowly with cooler temperatures and moderate rainfall through May. Followed by heat spikes in early July and late August we were in the vineyard thinning an abundant crop to concentrate the vines energies on ripening the gorgeous clusters of small purple berries. We were amazed by the quantity and quality of the fruit developing in this vintage. A warm, dry September and October allowed harvest all of the fruit at optimal ripeness just before the rains and cooler weather of fall set in.

Intensely hued in color, our 2005 vintage is deeply purple with garnet hued highlights. A slightly higher acidity and lower pH further add brightness and depth. On the nose, aromas of violets hint at the elegance of this wine while rich red fruits, chocolate and smoke tell of its power. Just as stunning on the palate, fresh plums and dried strawberries intermix with tobacco, black pepper and black licorice in this multi-dimensional wine

The 2005 displays the classic elegance of the Grace Clone cabernet from Vineyard 29's distinctive site. This elegance and a seductive lushness will tempt you drink this wine now. Do so blissfully or allow this beauty to further develop for 15 or more years.