



2005 Prime Cellars District 4 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

2005 Harvest Notes

Definitely a classic year, things started out a little wet in March and April, which led to later than usual flowering. However, this delay was welcome as it limited the prospect of frost damage and allowed for excellent fruit set in May. A mild and rather uninteresting summer and autumn (this is a good thing) with a limited number of heat spikes created a long drawn out harvest throughout October creating plenty of “hang time” for the grapes to mature.

Winemaking Notes

Our Inaugural vintage is not your typical Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.... it's only 13.6% alcohol! It is our goal to make our District 4 Cabernet reminiscent of some of the great wines of Napa Valley's past by shying away from high alcohol levels and over extraction.

By no means however, is this wine timid. The first hint that this is a serious Cabernet is the opaque ruby color in the glass. The nose is also quite impressive with aromas of black plum, forest floor, and spice. Of course the true gratification is on the palate as additional flavors of black currant, red fruits, dried herbs, and a touch of espresso, all linger on a 20 to 30 second finish. Don't feel bad about drinking a bottle as soon as you get home, but if you have a cool place to store the wine, it should age nicely for five to seven years.

Tech notes:

13.6% Alc.

3.85pH

147 cases

Grasso Vineyard in Coombsville

100% Cabernet Sauvignon