

# WOLF FAMILY VINEYARDS

*St. Helena / Napa Valley*

## 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley Estate Grown and Bottled

### Vineyards

The 2005 Wolf Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon was made exclusively from estate grown fruit from the Wolf Family vineyard located just south west of St. Helena against the foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains in Napa Valley. The 4.5 acre vineyard was planted in 1996 to Cabernet Sauvignon clones 337 and 7, on Schwarzman rootstock, narrowly spaced at 4' by 6'. This site is a slightly sloping area of well-drained, gravelly, clay loam soils. These vines produce this low yield, year after year, without any need of crop thinning, and still maintain an excellent vine balance. The 2005 yield was the largest to date but still only producing 3 tons per acre.

### Vintage

The 2005 vintage was the exact opposite of 2004—a very late, cool and wet spring started off the season, followed by a cool growing season and a very nerve wracking, late harvest. The Wolf Family Cabernet was picked on October 21 and 27, more than a month later than in 2004. The late harvest inherently gave the fruit the benefit of longer ripening and elegant, well balanced tannins and velvety tannins.

### Winemaking

The 2005 Wolf Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon was destemmed, left to cold soak for 4 days, and then fermented with diverse yeasts for 8 days. The wine was pressed immediately at dryness. It was aged 20 months in 74% new French oak barrels and the balance in two year old French oak barrels.

### Tasting Notes

Aromas of blackberry, cassis and anise follow onto the palate carried by a plush, rounded texture. The rich extract of the wine and complex flavors integrate well with the toasty new French oak barrels and yield an excellent Cabernet for enjoying now or long term aging.

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### Statistics

Wine	14.7% alcohol; 5.4 g/L total acidity 3.96 pH
Blend	100% Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate
Bottling	539 cases, May 2007
Release Date	Fall 2008
SRP	\$75.00/bottle
Winemaker	Karen Culler
Proprietors	Jane and Doug Wolf