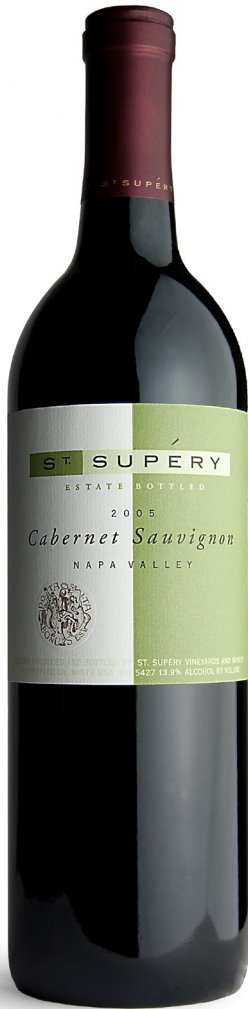


## 2005 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

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### *Winemaker's Notes:*

Luxurious, rich and concentrated with aromas of cherry, currant and blueberry. These are just the start of this 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon. The harmonious flavors of black cherry, anise and plush cassis explode upon tasting. This is a classic Napa Valley Cabernet which is wonderful young but has everything it needs to age beautifully.

### *Growing Season:*

The year 2005 appears to show great promise in the grape growing world. It started as average year with moderate rainfall and mild temperatures throughout the winter months. In March, we saw the onset of spring shot up suddenly leading to temperatures well into the 80's for over a week. This rapid heat spike caused vines to suddenly awake from their winter dormancy and grow rapidly. Temperatures soon fell back to normal, and the vines seemed to realize this and began growing at a more normal pace with more regular summer weather.

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**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Blend:** 97% Cabernet Sauvignon

2% Merlot

1% Petit Verdot

**pH:** 3.76

**Total Acidity:** 5.7 g/L

**Residual Sugar:** <0.02%

**Wine Alcohol:** 13.9%