



2005 Dollarhide Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Winemaker's Notes:

The 2005 Dollarhide Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is an elegant, mature wine with ripe black cherry, mission fig and bright red currant fruit flavors. The inviting nuances of cocoa and cinnamon on the nose are followed by savory notes of black tea, cedar box and tobacco leaf on the finish. This well-aged wine is ready to enjoy and will continue to develop in the cellar.

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.

The fruit for this Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested during the cool hours of early morning to maximize fresh flavors. Crush occurred in our cellar prior to fermentation and maceration on the skins, after which the wines were drained and pressed to barrels for maturation. Nineteen months later, the wines went through final evaluation to complete the blend.

Winemaking:

This wine was aged in 64% French oak and 36% American oak barrels (37% New oak).

Appellation: Napa Valley

Blend: 100% Dollarhide Cabernet Sauvignon

pH: 3.68

Total Acidity: 6.2 g/L

Residual Sugar: <0.02%

Wine Alcohol: 14.0%