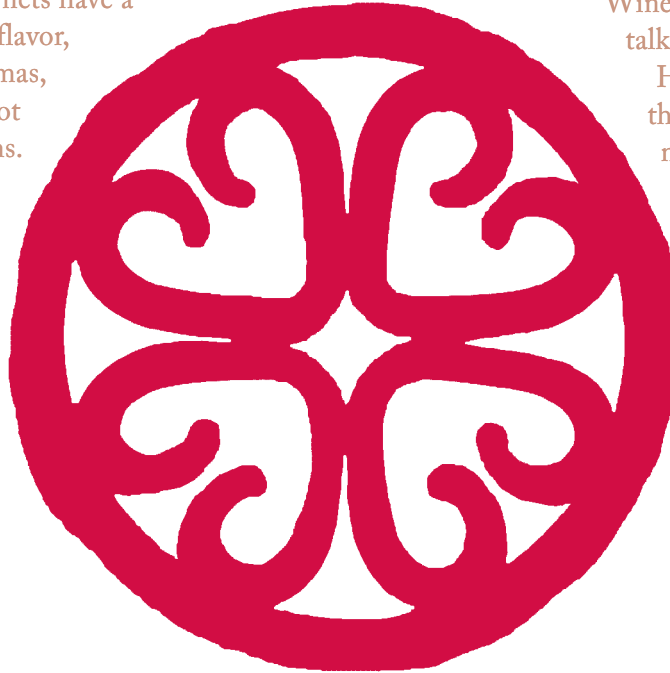


Rutherford steps up front in our 2005 vintage. Known for finesse rather than power, as a consequence of its heavier soil structure, our wine exhibits a suppleness this year of particular note.

Napa Cabernets have a complete fruit flavor, with complex aromas, depth and balance not found in other locations. Blended from mountain and valley locations, our winemaker layered multiple fruit and texture characteristics to develop one captivating wine.

Vintage 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon started with warm week in early February. Buds popped with what promised to be a larger crop than seen in recent memory.

A delightfully cool spring and summer set in and set the stage for one of the latest harvests on record. Harvest started in October and continued into the first few days of November; our winemaker's latest harvest ever.



AVALON

NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINTAGE 2005

Winemakers always talk about hang time.

Hanging in 2005 was the longest on record for many and led to ripe fruit flavors and soft textures.

Deep ruby colored, our 2005 wine shines in the glass. Blueberry and plum nuances from the Syrah complement the dark cherry and black raspberry characteristics of the Cabernet Sauvignon. Supple texture and forward fruit flavors are balanced and enhanced by aging in French and American barrels.

Oak aging provides a lingering note of toasted oak and vanilla while giving breadth and depth on the palate. The wine should continue to develop over the next 4-7 years.

We believe in the grape that put Napa Valley on the map at a price that won't deplete your 401k.

Composition: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Syrah, 6% Merlot, 1% Petite Sirah.

Stats: Alcohol 13.9%, pH 3.89, TA 7.5

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