

WATERSTONE

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2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY RESERVE

Vintage

With the exception of March, 2005 got off to a wet start with record rainfall well into spring. A relatively late bloom and set was followed by a mild summer with few heat spikes, allowing slow, even ripening of a larger than average crop. Ideal weather persisted through the extended harvest, allowing for excellent sugar development, balanced acids, and fully developed flavors.

Vineyards


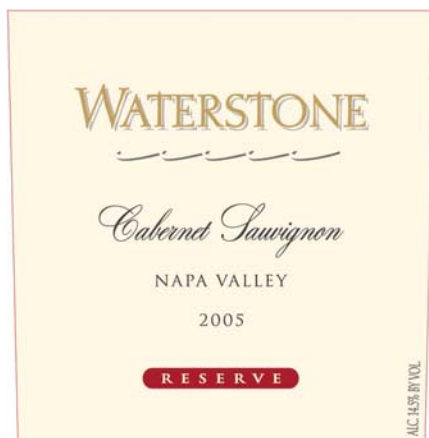
Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit.

Vinification

The grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness. Following destemming, the grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 28 months (100% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

With its Bordeaux-like presence, this wine is deep, rich, and lingering. Firm, integrated tannins frame the concentrated, dark fruit (currant, black cherry, wild berry, plum.) Toasty oak and an earthy edge add to the wine's great complexity.



Philip Zorn, Winemaker

Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	87% Cabernet Sauvignon 8% Cabernet Franc 4% Merlot 1% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	15.1%
TA	0.60 g/100ml
pH	3.74
Oak Aging	28 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 100% new
Bottling Date	May 15, 2008
Production	738 cases (6/750ml)