

WATERSTONE

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2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

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


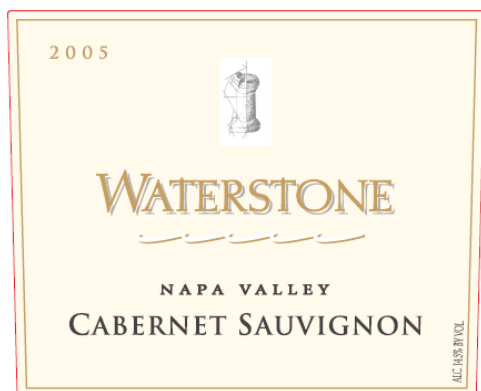
Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The complexity and balance of the 2005 vintage was achieved through diverse sourcing; while a majority of grapes were sourced from Oakville and Rutherford, vineyards from Coombsville to Diamond Mountain contributed to the final blend.

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 18 months (80% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of cedary oak, currants, black cherries and ripe plums are rich and concentrated on the palate.. The firm tannins underlying the wine's core provide balance, leading to a long, lingering finish.



Philip Zorn, Winemaker

Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	88% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Cabernet Franc 4% Merlot 3% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.9%
TA	0.72 g/100ml
pH	3.62
Oak Aging	18 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 80% new
Bottling Dates	July 19/20/21/23. 2007
Production	8,073 cases
Suggested Retail	\$26