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Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

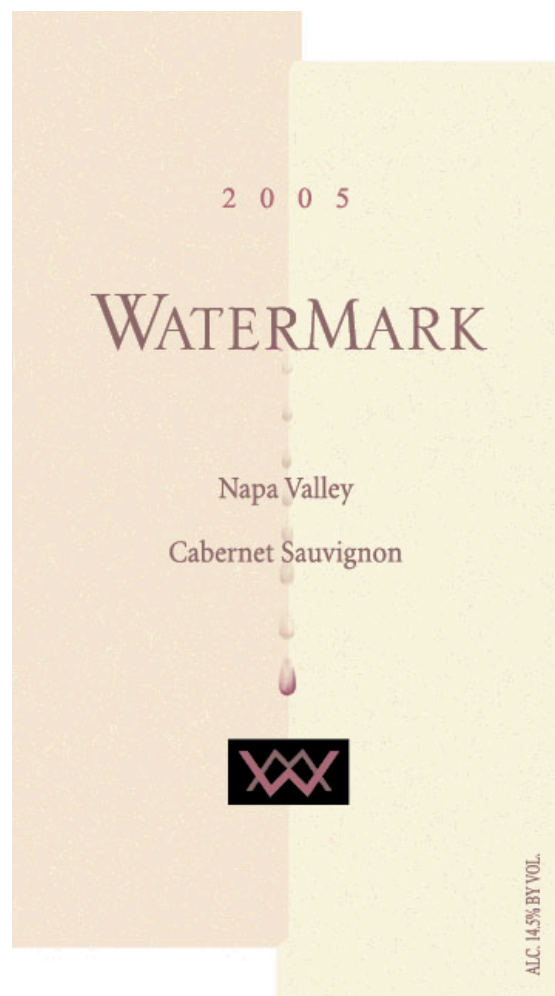


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Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The grapes from the 2005 vintage are sourced from different parts of the Napa Valley Appellation. The wines are reminiscent of mountain grown grapes with some red fruit qualities of the valley floor. The 2005 cabernet is a blend of 98.8% cabernet sauvignon, 0.8% merlot, and 0.4% cabernet franc. Black and red fruits show through with an accent of vanilla toast in the finish.

Our winemaker, **Phil Steinschiber**, who is also the winemaker at Diamond Creek Vineyards monitors the vineyards from which these grapes are sourced to pick at the peak of ripeness, knowing that making great wine begins in the vineyard. The wines are cold soaked for 3 days at 55 degrees and then warmed quickly to extract the color without extracting tannin. The juice is inoculated with yeast and allowed to ferment to almost dryness. The must is pressed sweet to avoid excessive tannin. Aged in small French barrels for about 30 months, the wine is then tank conditioned and bottled nearly 32 months after harvest.



TASTING NOTES

This cabernet sauvignon has big, bold aromas; lots of raspberry, mocha, and vanilla with notes of cedar. Tobacco and smoke come through with a hint of cassis and jam which adds complexity to this full bodied wine. The entry is dense, with the cassis and raspberry character continuing to please the palate as the vanilla and oak notes come to play. This wine is great now but can be laid down until 2012 or beyond.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Ageing:	30 months in French Oak barrels
Bottling:	July 2008
Varietals:	98.8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 0.8% Merlot, 0.4% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol:	14.5%
Release Date:	September 2008
Cases Produced:	434