

## 2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This vintage of Eponymous Cabernet benefited from both an excellent growing season and the experience gained from working with the vineyard for six years. In 2005 there was only one heat spike in July, but August was relatively mild temperatures with a cooler than normal September and October. This allowed for gradual maturation of the fruit, the all important longer “hang time”, and wonderful character in the resulting wine. The wine exudes complex notes as soon as it is poured. The aromas offer scents of ripe plum, violets, berries, currants and spice that are well integrated. Held to the light, this elegant wine shimmers with a stunning deep purple-scarlet color that announces the intensity of the grapes. The palate is equal to the lush color and bold aromas. Flavors mimic the nose with added nuances of roasted coffee bean and nutmeg. This Napa Valley Cabernet is rich, full and round from the initial taste and continuing as it fills the mouth, leading to a long, lingering finish. Eponymous 2005 has tremendous presence and yet is in wonderful harmony with soft, accessible tannins adding appropriate structure to this alluring wine.

The grapes come from the same unique Napa Valley vineyard as the previous five vintages of Eponymous, approximately 300 feet above the Silverado Trail and the Valley floor. It is a steeply terraced, very rocky site with a Southwesterly exposure. After picking, hand-harvested fruit was fermented with utmost care and the resulting wine was aged 20 months in new oak (90% French and 10% American), with frequent racking the first year.

Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Brix @ Harvest	25.4
Oak Aging:	20 months
Winemaker:	Bob Pepi
Alcohol:	14.3%
TA(g/100ml):	.55
pH:	3.65
Harvest Date:	October 7, 2005
Bottling Date:	August 17, 2007
Production:	1760 6/750ml cases