



CLARK-CLAUDON
VINEYARDS

2005 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD NOTES

Over the years we have grown to know our Estate Vineyard like a parent knows its children. Double planted on the terraces, with elevations from 800 to 1000 feet, it enjoys every exposure & varying soil depths. Therefore, each section of the vineyard has something unique to offer. Each has to be raised to support its strengths. Consequently, we gently vinify and age the 5 harvest lots separately. These become the blending pieces of Clark-Claudon Estate Cab.

It is amazing that 5 such distinctive 100% Cabernets can come from a contiguous 18.5 acre vineyard. But it is this distinction that gives our Estate wines their complexity while also revealing their common foundation. Our '05 Vintage celebrates the joining of a beautiful season and place.

TASTING NOTES

The 2005 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, darker than the most recent vintages, presents with heightened aromas of cassis, violets, fine cedar, & bright black cherries. This medium bodied wine fills front, middle and back pallet with round, complex layers of fruit, spice and fine textured French Oak. To drink now, give this wine a chance to breath or allow it to evolve overtime in your cellar; well balanced, elegant and perfectly integrated, it leaves a long signature finish of roasted chocolate; Yes, 2005 was a very good year!

VINTAGE FACTS

Grape Source:	18.5 Acre, NV, Hillside, Estate, Sustainable
Varietal Content:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Percent Alcohol:	14.2%
Aging:	2 years French Oak, 1 year Bottle
Consulting Winemaker:	Previous Winemaker; Gary Brookman. Present; Frederic Delivert
Vineyard Management	Tom Clark & Josh Clark; Clark Vineyard Management

REVIEW

This family-owned vineyard in the northeast mountains of Napa Valley has produced a sensational 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate. Its dense ruby/purple hue is followed by a Pauillac-like perfume of spice box, cedar, black currants, and subtle background oak. The wine is full-bodied with sweet but noticeable tannins, and a savory, expansive mouthfeel. Drink this beauty now and over the next 15-20 years. 94 points Robert Parker, Wine Advocate 1-2010