



2005 Barrouge

Napa Valley



Our 2005 Estate Bordeaux Blend “BARROUGE”, is a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Petite Verdot. It boasts a fascinating array of aromas including ripe black fig, blackberry, cassis, and mocha. The wine possesses a deep ruby/purple color in addition the richly textured palate brings intense black fruit flavors and notes of vanilla, black currants, espresso roast and chocolate tones. Firmly structured and packed with layers of luxurious flavor, the wine features round tongue-coating tannins to provide a long savory finish.

The 2005 vintage will be remembered by a long, mostly mild growing season that ended with a beautiful fall. Labor Day brought our typical 100+ degree weather but this year and unlike years past, we didn't see our marine layer until the second week of September. The warm September ensured that all the grapes on the Estate would reach their full ripeness. Harvest 2005, started with our Merlot just after Labor Day.

Awards and Ratings:

Wine News Magazine 91 points

Connoisseurs Guide 91 points

Wine Enthusiast Magazine 90 points

Vintage Statistics:

Blend	<i>70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petite Verdot</i>
Harvest Date	<i>September 30–October 14th, 2005</i>
Bottling	<i>July 6, 2007</i>
Aging	<i>20–22 months in French Oak</i>
Alcohol	<i>15.1%</i>
Production	<i>410 cases</i>
Release Date	<i>April 1, 2008</i>