



Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE	2005
VINEYARD	Laetitia Vineyard
APPELLATION	Santa Barbara County

Lay of the Land

Nested in Santa Barbara County's Cuyama Valley, Barnwood Vineyards offer an entirely unique soil and climate profile for the production of premium Bordeaux and Rhone varieties. At 3,200 feet above sea level, high desert temperatures are cooled by afternoon breezes that meander along the path of the dormant Cuyama riverbed.

During the growing season daily temperatures can fluctuate by as much as 50 degrees. The climate, combined with the intense character and flavors found in wines produced from our mountain estate.

2005 Harvest Details

2005 was a mild, typical summer with warm days and cool nights, typical of our 3,200 foot elevation mountain vineyard in Santa Barbara County. Fruit developed slowly and ripened fully. Although the Cabernet harvest lasted a month, 90% of the fruit came in on the last week of September indicating uniformly of ripeness among blocks, vines, and individual clusters.

Cellar Report

The 2005 vintage Cabernet Sauvignon has an extended hang time, coupled with precise watering schedule to maintain grape ripeness. The clusters were loose with small berries and the fruit was well developed and full of varietal flavors upon arrival at the winery.

End Result

This wine has a rich, deep red color with elegant blackberry, licorice and spice nuances on the nose. Ripe, firm tannins frame the black fresh black plum and cassis flavors giving it excellent balance and a soft mid-palate impression. Hints of French oak aging come through on the long, rich finish. This wine has an early approachability as well as wonderful aging potential.

Limited Release of 985 cases.

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