



Truchard Vineyards

2005 Cabernet Sauvignon

- Vintage:** Near perfect conditions throughout the spring of 2005 resulted in excellent berry set and a very large crop. Mild summer temperatures gradually ripened the fruit, allowing for extremely long “hang time”. The 2005 vintage produced elegant wines, with intense aromas, rich flavors, and beautiful structure.
- Vineyard:** The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 380 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 9 - 31 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot are blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.
- Harvest:** Oct. 18 – Nov. 10 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.55 pH • 6.6 g/L TA
- Winemaking:** All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on vineyard block. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2007. The final blend is 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdot. This wine is very drinkable upon release, but has the ability to age for the next 10 - 15 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.62 pH • 6.0 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Rich aromas of ripe plum, black cherry, and cassis; highlighted with cedar and vanilla. The mouth is layered with bright, jammy flavors of raspberry, cherry, and red currant. Fine-grained tannins fill the palate and provide a lingering finish of spice and red fruit.
- Release Date:** September 1, 2008
Cases Produced: 3262 cases
Bottle Price: \$35.00