



2005
cade “Napa Cuvée”
Cabernet Sauvignon
Napa Valley

VINEYARDS

The cade “*Napa Cuvée*”, is a blend of vineyards predominately from the alluvial fans of Napa Valley and Napa’s eastern mountain ranges. Vineyards that were used to craft the 2005 were Beckstoffer’s Dr. Crane and IV in Saint Helena, Beckstoffer’s Tokalon in Oakville and the PlumpJack Estate in Oakville. The steep hillsides of Ink Grade provided Cabernet Sauvignon from Howell Mountain. Ink Grade was also a predominant source of Merlot with a little coming from Orchard vineyard in the Oak Knoll appellation.

AGING

Took place in 75% new French oak (mainly Sylvain, Taransaud, Seguin Moreau). Malolactic took place in barrel. The wine was raked 4 times and was in Barrel for 18 months.

BOTTLING

Took place on April 11th, 2007

OUR THOUGHTS

The cade “*Napa Cuvée*” is a mouthful of a wine blended from Cabernet Sauvignon (75%) and Merlot (25%). The Cabernet Sauvignon picked from the alluvial fans of Napa Valley lends dense flavors of blackberry, cherry, chocolate and blueberry while the Cabernet from the hillsides of Howell Mountain give the wine structure, depth and ageability. The Merlot component fleshes out the mid-palate and adds flavors of bing cherry and plum. Although this wine is crafted to be enjoyed now, it will shine with 2 more years of bottle age and reap the benefits over the following 5 to 7.