

## 2005 Reverb



Harvest Dates: September 23 – October 15 2005

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.51

Titrateable Acid: 0.58g/100ml

Fermentation: 100% Tank

Malolactic Fermentation: 100%

Barrel Aging: 20 months, 50% new French Oak

Cooperage: Tonnellerie Marchive – Bordeaux Château Ferre, medium toast

Blend: 45% Merlot

30% Cabernet Franc

25% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: 100% Napa Valley

Bottle Date: July 2007 – unfiltered and unfiltered

Release Date: May 2008

Production: 430 cases

Reverb is a Napa Valley Red Wine made in a right bank Bordeaux style. It is a blend consisting of 45% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and its creation was inspired over a bottle of 1996 Château Cheval Blanc.

Each varietal was aged separately for 12 months and then blended and aged an additional 8 months in 50% new French oak. This wine is enjoyable now and will age gracefully over the next decade.

### Growing Season:

The 2005 growing season was slightly cooler and wetter than normal in the Napa Valley. Winter brought floods, followed by a warm spell in March which led to a perfect, early spring budbreak.

Substantial rains in May and June spurred rapid growth and high cluster counts. The summer months were cool and pleasant with few heat spikes. Fog and cool temperatures were a concern heading into September as sugar levels were yet to rise in all varieties.

Warm, nearly perfect conditions arrived with an Indian Summer making for a later than average harvest, which allowed the grapes to benefit from extended hang and achieve true physiological ripeness, producing fruit excellent sugar development and balanced acids.

2005 produced a larger than average crop of exceptional quality that is widely considered a signature year and is being likened to the historic 1997 vintage.

### Tasting Note:

Rich garnet color with light fruit bouquet. Well-balanced with appealing acidity, ripe black cherry fruit with hints of blackberry and black plum, and soft tannins. Cinnamon and clove on a lingering finish.

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