



## VINEYARDS

Appellation Soil Napa Valley

The geology and soils of Napa Valley are notoriously complex and are primarily comprised of decomposed rock that has been carried downhill from the eastern Vaca and the western Mayacamas mountain ranges into the valley, where it ultimately comingles with the silt, clay and gravel deposits of the Napa River flood plain.

## VINTAGE

Growing Season	The 2005 growing season was cooler than average with few heat spikes, leading to an evenly paced harvest. Due to a dry winter, berries of all varietals were smaller and more concentrated. 2005 is recognized as an outstanding vintage for the Napa Valley.
Brix   Harvest Dates	26.3° average   October 4 to November 1

## WINEMAKING

Varietal Compositon	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 3% Malbec
Fermentation	Native-yeast and full malolactic fermentations.
Aging	The wine rested <i>sur lies</i> to incorporate the oak so that the 18 months spent in 84% new barrels is barely noticeable. Non-filtered.
Cases	6,500
Alcohol	14.5%

"This Napa Valley Cabernet comes entirely from hillside vineyards. It was fairly tannic in its youth but has mellowed into a gentle middle-age. Our style combines the harmony produced by traditional Bordelaise winemaking techniques with the voluptuousness gained from California's weather, especially in this charming vintage."

-David Ramey