

## 2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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### NAPA VALLEY

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<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2008
<i>Production</i>	197 6-bottle cases, 4 barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	70% Beckstoffer George III, Rutherford; 30% Keenan Vineyard - Spring Mountain District
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietor Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.6% alcohol
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 28 months in 100% French Oak - 100% new <i>Cooperages: Gamba, St. Martin</i>
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p><i>The wine has rich aromas of cocoa powder, vanilla toasted oak, cinnamon and baked blueberry pie with a violet-floral underpinning. Initially, restrained, the dominant characteristic on the palate was black cherry, toasty oak and blackberry. I retasted after two hours and the wine had, as I expected changed tremendously. It had gained a wonderful creaminess (from the oak) and the black cherry and blackberry had morphed into cherry-cola and blueberry pie, as was given off aromatically, with a faint smoky quality. As the tannins subsided (mind you it's a very young wine that had been in oak for 28 months) the wine became very lush in the mouth.</i></p> <p><i>The bright acidity will gives the wine great age potential.</i></p> <p><i>If consumed now, I'd decant for at least 2 hours. Otherwise, I think a reasonable drink window would be 2010 through 2020.</i></p>
<i>Pricing - wholesale</i>	750ml – \$360/6-pack      1.5L (Magnum) – \$n/a      3.0L (etched, hand-painted) – Sold Out
<i>Other Hunnicutt Wines</i>	2005 Zinfandel – Napa Valley (Chiles Valley District) 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon – Napa Valley (Rutherford, St. Helena, Spring Mountain District)
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