



2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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NAPA VALLEY

<i>Release Date</i>	September 3, 2008
<i>Production</i>	197 6-bottle cases, 4 barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley: 70% Rutherford, Beckstoffer Georges III, 30% Spring Mountain District, Keenan Vineyard
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietors Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 28 months in 100% French oak, 100% new
<i>Tasting Notes</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 re-tasted 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. The bright acidity will gives the wine great age potential. If consumed now, I'd decant for at least 2 hours. Otherwise, I think a reasonable drink window would be 2010 through 2020.
<i>Other Hunnicutt Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2005 Zinfandel HUNNICUTT 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (Rutherford, St. Helena, Spring Mountain District)

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