



CHAPPELLET

## 2005 PRITCHARD HILL

# ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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### THE WINE

The most sought-after wine in our portfolio, this limited-production Cabernet Sauvignon represents the pinnacle of Chappellet winemaking, and is a testament to the elegant power and complexity of Pritchard Hill winegrowing. Like the great Bordeaux wines that first inspired Donn Chappellet, this wine is crafted by blending Cabernet Sauvignon with other classic Bordeaux varietals. The wine was aged 22 months in 80 percent new French oak and six months in bottle prior to release. Grown exclusively on our rocky, mountainside vineyards, our Cabernets have consistently displayed an ability to age for several decades.

### GROWING SEASON AND HARVEST

The 2005 growing season was one of the longest and coolest seasons in recent memory. Budbreak occurred in March, followed by a long bloom and set, creating a sizable crop. An unseasonably cool, wet spring also contributed to vigorous growth. To ensure proper ripening of the grapes, meticulous canopy management and fruit thinning techniques were applied in the vineyard. Mild, even weather prevailed into September, allowing for excellent flavor development and an unhurried harvest.

### TASTING NOTES

A selection of the very best barrels from our finest vineyard blocks, this wine seamlessly balances intense berry fruit with rich tannins and a supple harmonious texture. Concentrated aromatics of black cherry, plum, dark chocolate, roast coffee and smoke segue to lush mouth-coating flavors of ripe berries, red currant, anise, vanilla, nutmeg and cedar. To add even greater depth and complexity to the powerful core of Pritchard Hill Cabernet, the wine was blended with our most expressive selections of Petit Verdot and Malbec. The end result is a robust, layered and concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon offering beautiful cool-vintage structure and age-worthiness.

### WINE STATISTICS

Harvested October 8-25, 2005  
14.9 % Alcohol  
TA—0.57/100ml  
pH—3.85

### WINE BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon 76%  
Petit Verdot 18%  
Malbec 6%