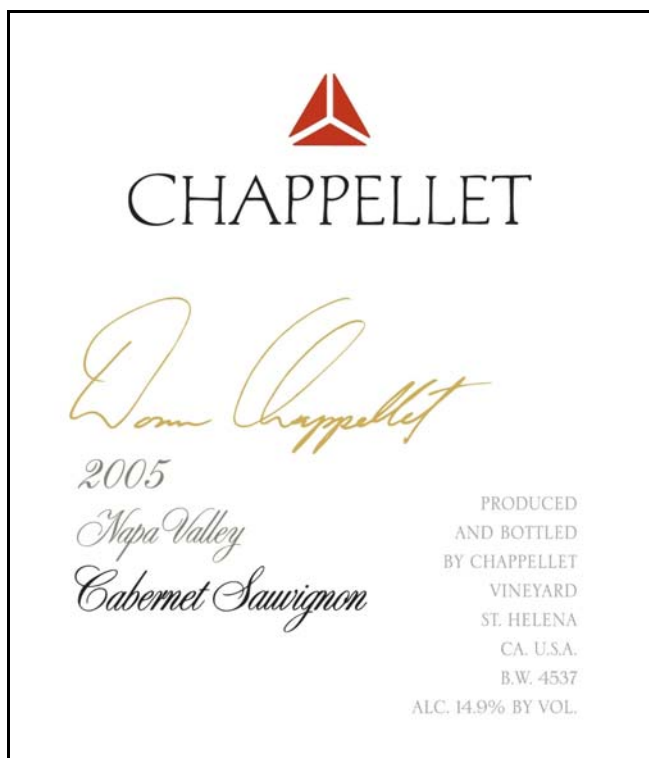




CHAPPELLET

2005 SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER, PHILLIP CORALLO-TITUS



THE WINE

The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon has been our flagship wine for more than three decades. It is a benchmark for the long-lived hillside wines of the Napa Valley; full of structure and ageing potential, yet seductively forward in its concentrated varietal character. The dry, rocky soils of Pritchard Hill produce small, intensely flavorful grapes. Crop thinning allows for full, even ripening and elevates flavor complexity.

GROWING SEASON & 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 hefty crop. The unseasonably cool, wet spring spurred vigorous growth in the vineyard, necessitating canopy management and fruit thinning to ensure proper ripening of the grapes. Mild, even weather prevailed into September, allowing for a lengthy harvest.

TASTING NOTES

An attractive array of blackberry, smoke, dark chocolate, and bay leaf aromas leads to a lustrous, layered wine. Rich on the palate with a velvet texture, the spicy, ripe, black fruits are beautifully integrated with the oak, tannins, and acidity.

WINE STATISTICS

Harvested September 30 through November 1, 2005

25.5– 27.6° Brix at Harvest

14.9 % Alcohol

TA–0.55 g/100 ml

pH–3.82

Cabernet Sauvignon 84%

Merlot 9%

Petit Verdot 5%

Malbec 2%