



2005 METEOR VINEYARD ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Meteor Vineyard is located in the Coombsville region of Napa Valley. In this southeastern corner of Napa Valley, cool San Francisco Bay breezes linger and ripening is leisurely, but assured. Soils are a mix of well-drained river rock and mineral-rich volcanic ash, ideally suiting it for Bordeaux varieties, especially cabernet sauvignon. The vineyard was planted in 1999 by Michael Wolf for the Schulers. Meteor Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a collaborative project of vineyard proprietors, Barry and Tracy Schuler and the winemaking team of Bill and Dawnine Dyer.

BLEND	Production 100% Cabernet Sauvignon 42% clone 7, 42% clone 337, 16% clone 4
BARRELS	Aged 20 months in French oak, 50% new
ALCOHOL	14.7%
TA	6.2 g/l
pH	3.74
RETAIL PRICE	\$225

VINTAGE NOTES - In the southern Napa Valley 2005 can be characterized by a long growing season, even maturation and an abundant crop. A normal spring and fine weather during bloom set the stage for this extraordinary vintage. May was unusually wet and soil moisture remained high into the summer. A long and relatively moderate growing season followed, ideal for flavor and color development. Ripening continued throughout October and we harvested between October 13 and November 12.

TASTING NOTES - "Deep, ripe and concentrated. Vibrant, blue/crimson edged color echoed by aromas of red and black cherry with current and warm spice overtones of cardamom. Velvety tannins support the pure, focused fruit. Modern ripe fruit flavors and a classic structure-pure cabernet."
Dawnine Dyer, Winemaker