



**2005 METEOR VINEYARD**  
**SPECIAL FAMILY RESERVE**  
**CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

Meteor Vineyard is located in the Coombsville region of Napa Valley. 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. Each year, the Schulers and the Dyers taste all of the lots and barrels made at Meteor Vineyard and select the finest example from the vineyard for the Special Family Reserve. Four barrels were selected from the 2005 harvest, making only 90 cases.

<b>BLEND</b>	<b>100% Cabernet Sauvignon, clone 7</b>
<b>BARRELS</b>	<b>Aged 20 months in new French oak</b>
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	<b>14.8%</b>
<b>TA</b>	<b>6.0 g/l</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>3.81</b>
<b>RETAIL PRICE</b>	<b>\$300</b>

**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 well into October and we harvested clone 7 on October 18.

**TASTING NOTES** – “Powerful and focused. This selected lot of cabernet is quintessential Meteor; color is a vibrant, violet tinged deep red. Bold red cherry aromas become three dimensional with layers of cedar and cocoa. Plush ripe fruit tannins and elegant oak tannins combine to support the muscular fruit.”  
*Dawnine Dyer, Winemaker*