

TERRA VALENTINE



2005 WURTELE VINEYARD
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage:

The 2005 winter rains took pause for a dry, mild March, resulting in an early bud break. April began again with record-setting precipitation late into the growing season delaying bloom and set. The summer months were cool and pleasant with few heat spikes. Fog and cool temperatures were a concern heading into September, as sugar levels were yet to rise in all varieties. With the arrival of autumn came warm, nearly perfect conditions providing us with excellent flavor development and balanced acidity.

Vineyard:

The Wurtele Vineyard (pronounced wer-tul), planted in the early 1990's, is comprised of 35 acres planted to 100% clone 7 cabernet sauvignon, ranging in elevations from 600 feet to nearly 1000 feet with 360 degrees of sun exposure and two different soils: volcanic and sedimentary. The 2005 Wurtele Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is made from two distinct and designated blocks (I & J) on the top of the Wurtele Vineyard.

Tasting:

The nose opens with wild blueberries, tobacco, sweet cedar and notes of roasted espresso. Candied fruits and black licorice continue on the palate with supple tannins and a long, rich finish.

Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon
65% I Block, 35% J Block

Harvest Dates:

October 4th through 10th

Vinification:

The clusters were hand sorted followed by additional sorting of the must. Fermentation and extended maceration occurred over a 22-day period.

Barrel Regime:

22 months in French oak - 50% new

Bottling:

919 cases
Bottled on August 8th, 2007

Retail:

\$85.00 - 750ml

Ageing: 2009 - 2017

Wine Enthusiast: 94 points

Wine & Spirits: 93 points

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