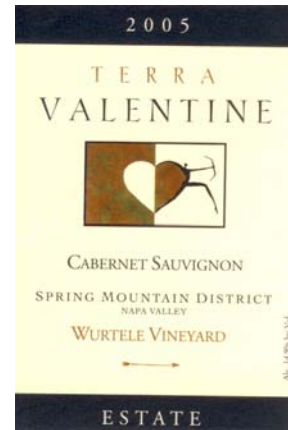


# 2005 WURTELE VINEYARD

SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*"94 Points ~ Wine Enthusiast"*  
*November 1, 2008*



**Vintage Notes:** 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. The long growing season and extended hang time resulted in one of our highest quality and latest harvests to date.

**Vineyard Notes:** 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. We have not only been blessed with this dynamic vineyard, but a talented team of viticulturists to produce consistently outstanding wines under the Terra Valentine name.

**Winemaking Notes:** The 2005 Wurtele Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is made from two distinct and designated blocks (I & J) on the top of the Wurtele Vineyard. The grapes were harvested in early to mid-October. The clusters were hand sorted followed by additional sorting of the must. Fermentation and extended maceration occurred over a 22-day period. Free run was kept separate from press juice and put into French oak barrels, 45% new and 55% once used. The wine was aged for 22 months and bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

**Tasting Notes:** 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.

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$60.00 750ml

**Total Production:** 1,839 6-pack cases

**Winemaker:** Sam Baxter



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