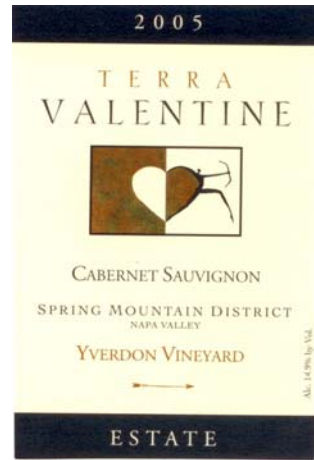


2005
YVERDON VINEYARD

SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

93 points ~ Wine Enthusiast
"Cellar Selection"
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: In 2001, Terra Valentine began the 2nd phase of our development: the renovation of the historic Yverdon Vineyard. Named after an ancient merchant town in Switzerland, Yverdon (pronounced ee-ver-dun) was the name of the winery site that Angus and Margaret Wurtele purchased in 1999 to become Terra Valentine. With the help of our vineyard management team and renowned consultants, we selected specific clones and rootstocks ideal to our soil types and elevation. We planted 8 acres of cabernet sauvignon and one acre of merlot at an elevation of 2000 feet located only yards away from Villa Valentine. 2004 was our first harvest from this vineyard.

Winemaking Notes: The 2005 Yverdon Cabernet is made from 100% cabernet sauvignon and is the second vintage from our newest estate vineyard. The grapes were harvested in late October with the last pick occurring on November 1st. 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: Sweet red currants fill the nose with hints of minerals and exotic spices. Crème de cassis, anise and mint greet the palate leading to a long, silky finish. This wine is lush exuding complexity and elegance.

Suggested Retail Price: \$70.00 750ml

Total Production: 1,165 six pack cases

Winemaker: Sam Baxter



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