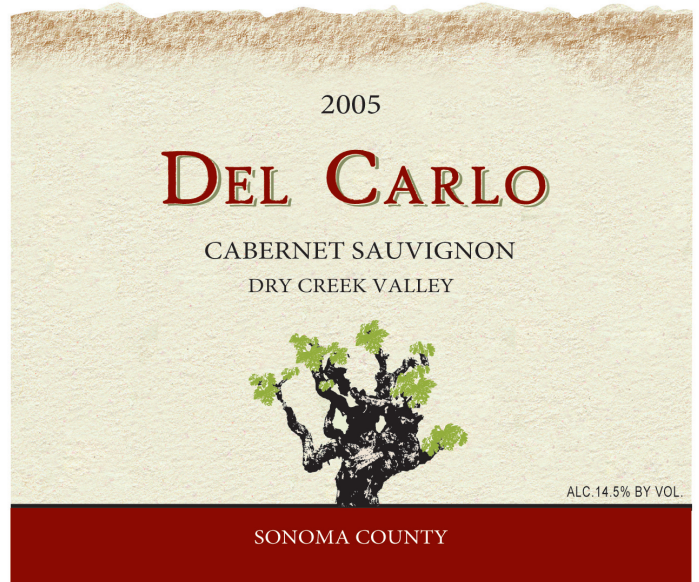


DEL CARLO

DRY CREEK VALLEY

2005 Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal	
Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Dry Creek Valley
Vineyard	Teldeschi Vineyards - Home Ranch
Harvest Date	September 24, 2005
Brix	24.8°
T.A.	0.55 gm/100ml
pH	3.65
Cooperage	18 months in French oak barrels 20% new French oak
Alcohol	14.5%
Bottling Date	August 17, 2006
Production	294 cases
Release Date	Summer 2008



Vineyard and Winemaking Notes

Our 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from grapes grown on our Home Ranch in the heart of Dry Creek Valley. The vines are located near the foothills on the eastern side of the Dry Creek bench. The elevated terrain and well-drained rocky, clay loam stresses the vines just enough to limit yields and create small concentrated berries.

These small grape clusters—resembling blueberries in size and color—create intense wine with concentrated, delicious flavors and a solid structure. Aging for 18 months in French oak barrels, followed by additional bottle aging, allows the intense flavors and firm structure to marry and mellow. The result is a smooth, rich, food-friendly Cabernet Sauvignon to share with family and friends.

Tasting Notes

Surprisingly approachable now and a terrific match for your favorite meals, this wine has plenty of firm tannins, bright acidity, a velvety mouthfeel and those delicious yet subtle nuances of a full-flavored Cabernet. The aromas of cedar and forest floor mingle with a bright and spicy cherry essence. The silken texture cradles flavors of rich black cherry, spice, cedar and hints of dark chocolate. We find this wine easy to sip and tough to set down!