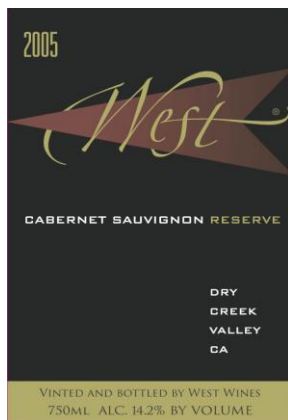


2005 WEST Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve



- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, from our hillside estate
- Harvested Nov. 2005, bottled Jul. 2008
- Aged 2 years in new French oak barrels
- Alc. 14.2%
- 650 cases produced

WEST Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2005 is a rich and elegant wine with flavors of ripe dark fruit such as black cherries and plum, a hint of laurel, tobacco and olive. A deep color and a round bouquet make for a complex wine which will continue to evolve over the years. As aging is an important part of our winemaking we bottle age our Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve for 4 years before release. *The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve was the first American wine ever, to be selected for the Nobel Awards Banquet in 2010.*

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on our hillside property 300 feet above the valley floor. The fog rarely reaches the west facing slopes and the grapes get long, warm and sunny day to mature with full and complex flavors.

2005 was a very long growing season with early bud break and high soil moisture. The summer temperatures were mild and October brought excellent ripening weather which continued into November allowing for a long 'hang-time'. The result is rich flavors without quite as high an alcohol content. The grapes were harvested in early November 2005.

West Wines is a family winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County owned by Katarina Bonde and Bengt Akerlind. Our wine style is inspired by French winemaking and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. We believe in responsible agricultural practices such as minimizing the use of energy and water and using solar power. We use cover crops between our vine rows to create nutrition for the plants but also flowers who serve as a habitat for beneficial insects for pest control.

Phyllis Zouzounis is winemaker at West Wines together with owner Katarina Bonde. Phyllis began her winemaking career at Dry Creek Vineyards in 1980 and has been the winemaker at many prestigious wineries in Sonoma County.