

# Frank Family Vineyards

## Napa Valley

2005 Frank Family Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon comes from 50 acres of estate owned vines east of the Vaca Mountain range in Napa's Capell Valley. Advanced farming techniques, such as high-density spacing, clonal-rootstock variation, temperature and moisture monitoring, are used to obtain optimum quality grapes.

The soils here are fertile, well drained, and clay-loam based, reminiscent of the Rutherford Bench. The cold nights balance with the warm days, ensuring long-even fruit ripening. The fruit was harvested between October 3rd and October 25th of 2005. It spent 24 months in a mixture of 30% new and 70% once- and twice-filled French oak barrels before bottling in November of 2007.

Todd Graff is the winemaker.

Production: 11,178 cases

81% Cabernet Sauvignon  
14% Merlot  
3% Petite Verdot  
2% Cabernet Franc

In 2008 this wine is a dense inky purple color. The aromas are abundant; expressing ripe briar-berries juicy black cherries and wild blueberries. Notes of cassis, roasted chestnut, sandalwood, and earth intermingle throughout, followed by suggestions of espresso bean and a hint of cinnamon. The palate is lavish and vibrant, bursting with juicy black-raspberries, cranberry marmalade and a touch of watermelon rind. The lively fruit is balanced by well structured tannins providing a plush, yet structured mouthfeel that is elegant and supple with lasting grip.

