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2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

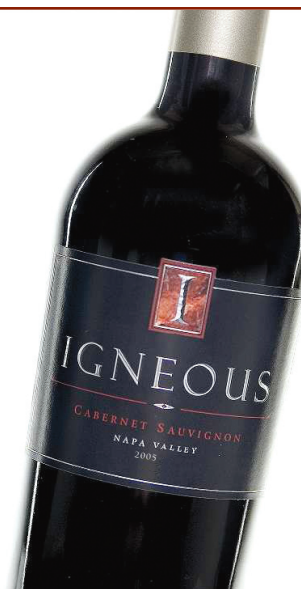
APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETAL CONTENT: 82% Cabernet Sauvignon,
9% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

BARREL AGING: 24 months in 100% new French Oak

CASES PRODUCED: 340



THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this wine come from both the Thorevilos Vineyard, located in the eastern hills of St. Helena at the base of Howell Mountain, which is owned and managed by David Abreu, and our estate Huckfeldt Ranch Vineyard, located in the Coombsville area of east Napa and also managed by David Abreu. The Thorevilos Vineyard is characterized by the cool mornings and long afternoons. The fruit has big tannins which are able to fully ripen due to the long days in the summer. The soil is a volcanic white tuff with imbedded rock fragments, which allows for good drainage. The Huckfeldt Ranch Vineyard is an intermingling of alluvial and colluvial materials that have weathered from the surrounding hills – mostly gravels and cobbles derived from basic igneous and rhyolitic volcanic materials in the local upland outcrops. The orientation of the vines were planted to deflect the possibility for sunburn on the berries during the hottest part of the day, while still allowing for even sun on both sides of the canopy.

WINEMAKER NOTES

“This wine continues to develop wonderfully! The visual begins with an incredible deep garnet and plum color. Deep and complex aromas of ripe black cherry and blackberry delightfully lift out from the glass. Moments later they are met with surrounding scents of barrel vanillin reminiscent to past memories in a candle shop. The volume and viscosity of this wine is seamless from front to back. Showy flavors of cherry, cassis and dried berry provide great intensity of fruit. The integration of tannin and structure in the back of the palate carry this wine’s lengthy finish. Seductive in its demeanor, this wine has plenty of personality. Enjoy now to 2018 or longer.”

– Kirk Venge, Winemaker