

FRANCISCAN



2005 NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Stylus is the supreme expression of Franciscan's signature in Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. The engraving on the label presents an aerial perspective of a wine press that symbolizes Franciscan's commitment to creating exceptional wines in hundreds of small lots and blending them to perfection.

Cabernet Sauvignon has always played the leading role in Franciscan's vision, since our first vintage in 1975, which set a quality standard for Napa Valley. Franciscan's Magnificat and Cuvee Sauvage are synonymous with legendary quality found in the Napa Valley. Now, we are pleased to introduce Stylus, which continues to elevate the quality standard for Franciscan.

Stylus is created from grapes grown in our favorite vineyard blocks, including a selection from our Oakville Estate. As is tradition at Franciscan, we employ the paragon of small lot winemaking with Stylus.

In 2005, the growing season began early, with an unusually warm March, followed by a cool and wet spring delaying bloom until June. The summer temperatures were steady and moderate, without any of the normal heat spikes of late summer. October was beautiful and mild, and Cabernet came in unhurried, with long, even hang-time, picking up through November 5. - *Janet Myers, Winemaker*

VINTAGE	2005
APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VARIETAL COMPOSITION:	86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot; 5% Merlot, 2% Malbec
APPEARANCE:	Deep Garnet
AROMA:	Dense layers of ripe cassis, dark plum, cocoa and tobacco. Vibrant and complex
FLAVORS:	Very full bodied, with deep flavors of black fruit, dark cherry, anise and plum. Hints of sweet toasty oak, chocolate and coffee add complexity. Very fine rich tannins fill the palate, giving big body and supple texture, leading to a very long finish of cassis and cocoa.
ON SKINS:	28-32 Days
TIME IN OAK:	24 months
TYPE OF OAK:	97% French, 97% new
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
RELEASE DATE:	September 1, 2008
CASES PRODUCED:	1,491