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Napa Valley

Wine: 2005 Lone Canyon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

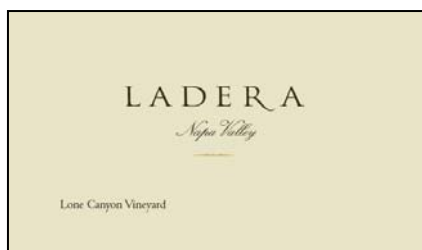
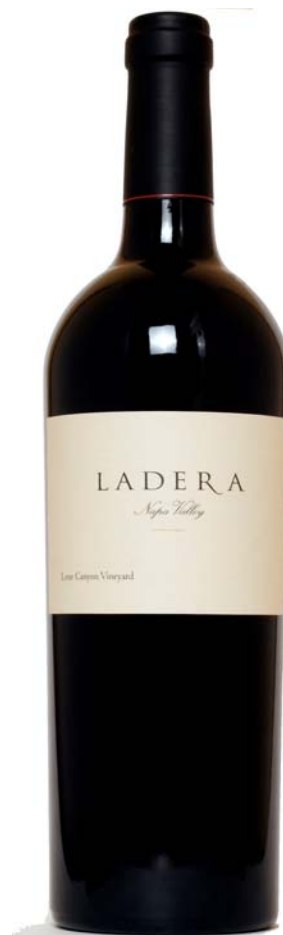
Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, 100% Lone Canyon Vineyard

Vineyard Notes: The 2005 Ladera Lone Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon is truly an expression of the Lone Canyon vineyard itself. The unique terroir of this vineyard allows the fruit to showcase the vintage at hand. The Lone Canyon Vineyard is located on the flank of Mt. Veeder in the southwestern hills of the Napa Valley. The ranch consists of 480 acres of which 75 are planted to vineyards. The topography is very steep in some areas with elevations reaching 1,100 feet above sea level. The elevations, as well as its specific location in Napa Valley, contribute to the cooler climate at Lone Canyon. The clay loam soils are of moderate depth and are very well drained. The average yields for 2005 were 2 tons per acre.

For the 2005 vintage, young vines which were planted in 1998 and 1999, make up 62% of the blend. The older vines were planted in the mid 1980's, on St. George rootstock. For the younger vines, a multitude of various clones are used including: clone 4, 6, 7, 8, 169, 191, 337, 341 and Weimer.

The 2005 growing season started off with unseasonably late spring rains which delayed flowering and posed a threat for mold problems. Fortunately, the season progressed with warm, nearly perfect growing conditions. The summer had few extreme heat spikes. This allowed for even ripening and longer hang time on the vines. The end result of this unique growing season was a late harvest of high quality but also bountiful quantity.

Cellar Notes: Our 2005 Lone Canyon Cabernet's were cold soaked for upwards of 5 days before the commencement of fermentation. The fermentations primarily used native wine yeasts with a limited use of commercial strains. The average fermentations lasted 13 days with the wine often coming off the skins before completion in many cases, depending on the tannin profiles of the wines at this stage. The skins which were then pressed at several intervals of pressure; determined by taste and tannin intensity. The wine was then barrel aged for 22 months in French oak barrels (71% new). The wine was bottled August 8, 2007.



Winemaker Notes: The 2005 Lone Canyon Cabernet is a perfect example of how rich, bold and extracted the wines from this property can be. This wine shows intense color and the aromas are dominated by figs, dates, and black cherries. The nose is further complimented by spices, black licorice, brown sugar, blueberry and brambly undertones. A full bodied entry hits the palate with enticing flavors of blackberry and cassis. The wine is layered with textures that are bold and masculine yet maintain tannins of a velvety character. The dark and ripe fruit flavors intertwined with the tannins carry through to a long and plush finish.

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