



2005 Cabernet Sauvignon

~Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information~

Vintage:	2005
Variety:	Cabernet Sauvignon
Blend:	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 6% Syrah, & 1% Cabernet Franc
Components:	Alcohol- 14.3 %; pH- 3.48; TA- .65
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope
Vineyard/Source:	Riverbend Vineyards, Mattawa , WA
Winemaker:	Mike Wade; co-owner Fielding Hills Winery
Harvest:	October 2005 early morning hand harvested into small 25 pound harvest lugs
Vinification:	Harvest lugs are individually inspected, with grapes clusters then stemmed and crushed directly into small "one-ton" fermentors. The must is then allowed to settle for 24 hours when a combination of Prise de Mousse & Pasteur Red yeast was added. Twice each day the must is checked and punched down. When nearly dry, the free run wine is transferred directly into oak barrels with the remaining must gently pressed in a small press. Bottled unfined and unfiltered resulting in superb color, clarity, and flavor.
Aging:	19 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels; 77% new
Production:	194 cases
Bottling date:	May 18, 2007
Release date:	October 1, 2007
Tasting Notes:	<p>“Richly layered with cherry, cassis, spice and shaded with bitter chocolate and cedar box. An elegant and seamless tannin structure weaves the flavors into a harmonious whole that glides across the palate.” B.R.</p> <p>“Darkly opaque ruby color, restrained nose, and flavors extraordinaire. This is essence of Cabernet. Cabernet can show a multiplicity of robust and delicate qualities, -- this Cab is a good example. Fruit flavors range from black and red berry to pomegranate, currant, plum, nectarine, and raspberry jam. Intricate suggestions of slate, licorice, tar, white pepper, and herbs linger on a long finish. Tannins are positively velvety, with just the right level of acidity to allow for cellaring and serving with food.” J. Y. @ avalonwine.com</p>

Fielding Hills Winery was started in July 2000 by Mike & Karen Wade. The grapes are from estate grown, family owned RiverBend Vineyards in Mattawa, WA. The winery is located in East Wenatchee, WA. The winemaking methods utilize a small lot, hand crafted style.

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