



THE GRADE
CELLARS

THE GRADE 2005



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton
Winemaker:	Rudy Zuidema
Release Date:	April 2008
Release Price:	\$110 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	October 14, 2005 (2.38 Tons/acre)
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7/Rootstock 110R (3.5 T) Blocks 2 & 4 – Clone 337/Rootstock 101-14 (0.9T) Block 3 – Clone 7, Rootstock 1103 Paulson (0.5T) Block 5 – Clone 337, Rootstock SO4 (0.5 T)
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Demptos Bordeaux, Medium Toast, Toasted Heads
Aging:	22 months plus 10 months in neutral French oak
Panel:	14.8% Alcohol
Production:	270 cases

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

"The 2005 vintage was very long and quite cool as they go in Calistoga. A mid-October harvest brought very rich and ripe aromatics of crushed blackberries, raspberry, maple, brown sugar, and chocolate to the wine. The extra time on the vines concentrated the flavors, resulting in a wine with many layers."

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is full-bodied with plenty of silky tannins and a long, balanced finish of cocoa, caramel, spice and lush berry."

"be local...enter 'the grade'"

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON