



2005 Rubissow Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

100% Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley - Rubissow Vineyards

PRODUCTION

12/750 ml - 1155 cases

BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon 92%, Merlot 6.5%, Cabernet Franc 1.5%

WINEMAKER NOTES

NOSE: Blackberries, anise, bay leaf, tobacco

TASTE: Classic Mt. Veeder Cabernet. Big, lusty fruit with ripe plum, blackberry, mocha and spicy overtones. Balanced tannins and good acidity lead to a rich, long finish. Shows greater complexity than the much heralded 04. Delicious right now. Will improve through 2012.

TECHNIQUE: Hand sorted fruit, fruit destemmed and berries barely broken, 5 day cold soak, wild and inoculated fermentations, all small lot open top fermentors, hand punch downs and pumpovers two to three times daily, malolactic completed in barrel, minimal handling (3 rackings), bottled UNFINED and UNFILTERED.

HARVEST DATES

October 7, 14, 17, 21, 25, 27, Nov 1, 2

FERMENTATION

24 days before pressing

BARREL AGING

20 months in artisan French oak cooperage

ALCOHOL BY VOL.

14.5%

WINEMAKER

Timothy Milos

Accolades

"The wines have undergone a daring improvement in the past couple of vintages... I can't think of a California winery that has undergone a more dramatic transformation... Smooth, velvety and rich with lush black plum, mocha, cedar and soft herbs; lovely, supple and long with bright acid structure and fine depth and balance."

92 POINTS

ANTHONY DIAS BLUE

Tasting Panel Magazine - March 2009

"This is a big wine showing a forward blackberry nose... It's rich and textured, with bright fruit, nicely integrated tannins, 14.5% alcohol, and good length and structure. Cabernet Franc is a nice flavor booster, adding a gentle grace note..."

90 POINTS

GERALD BOYD

Wine Review Online - October 2008

"Cellar Selection."

92 POINTS - Excellent

WINE ENTHUSIAST - April 2009