



2005 Rubissow-Sargent Reserve

With Rubissow-Sargent Reserve, we pay homage to founders George Rubissow & Tony Sargent, and to the elegant, lusty power of our hillside Mt. Veeder estate vineyards. This is a true Reserve. A wine to age and enjoy for years to come.

APPELLATION

100% Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley - Rubissow Vineyards

PRODUCTION

12/750 ml - 130 cases

BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

WINEMAKER NOTES

NOSE: Blackcurrant, blackberry, vanilla bean, sweet, toasted oak, and subtle herbal notes - all in excellent balance.

TASTE: Rich and powerful. Deep, blackberry/currant flavors, delicious ripe plum acidity, tobacco leaf, toasted oak, and balanced tannins lead to an incredibly long, complex finish. Exemplifies the terroir of the site. Drinks well now and will improve through 2012+. Decant before serving.

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 three times daily, malolactic completed in barrel, minimal handling (3 rackings) , bottled UNFINED and UNFILTERED.

HARVEST DATES

October 7, 25, November 1, 2005

FERMENTATION

24-35 days before pressing

BARREL AGING

20 months in thin stave, MT, artisan French Nevers & Troncais oak cooperage by Sylvain, Boutes and Bel Air Tonnelleries.

ALCOHOL BY VOL

14.5%

WINEMAKER

Timothy Milos

Accolades

Cellar Selection. Rated Excellent.

94 POINTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST - April 2009

... impeccably balanced, rich with ripe refined tannins, 14.5% alcohol and showing good length through the finish. This is an elegant yet powerful wine that should be aged for at least three to five years before drinking.

90 POINTS

GERALD BOYD - WINE REVIEW ONLINE - Oct. 2008

Intense, wonderfully precise currant-like fruit is the confident star of this riveting young Cabernet Sauvignon... sweeping array of rich oak... real complexity... considerable length. Impressively extracted and impressively balanced.

91 POINTS

CONNOISSEUR'S GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE - Dec. 2008