



2005

MEANDER Cabernet Sauvignon
Morisoli Vineyard - Rutherford

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETAL:
100% Cabernet
Sauvignon

VINEYARDS:
100% Morisoli Vineyards
Rutherford

*This vineyard has been family
farmed for generations and is
prized by many of Napa's
most respected winemakers.*

BARREL PROGRAM:
100% New French Oak
(Taransaud)

HARVEST:
October 17, 2005

BOTTLING:
September 18, 2007
40 cases produced

ANALYSIS:
TA: 5.7 g/L
PH: 3.81
ALC: 14.9%

PHILOSOPHY

My love affair with Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon started in the late 1980s when I began my winemaking career at Joseph Phelps Vineyards. It was there that I cut my teeth on the king of grapes and became intimate with some of Napa Valley's finest sites. In 2000 I decided it was time to fashion my own wine from vineyards that I believed offered superior aromatics, flavors, textures and character. I named this new baby Meander, not just as a play on words, but also as a combination of Mitchell and Andrew, the names of my two sons.

~ Amy Aiken, Winemaker/Proprietor

WINEMAKING

Early morning harvest ensures cool fruit at the sorting table where clusters are hand sorted followed by destemming and gentle crushing. Delivered to tanks, the grapes are then cold soaked for five days prior to inoculation for fermentation. Daily punchdowns are supplemented with pumpovers during fermentation to extract maximum flavor and color. The wine is gently pressed and barreled down for malolactic fermentation. Aged in 100% new Taransaud French oak barrels for 22 months.

TASTING NOTES

The '06 Morisoli showcases this special Rutherford site, exhibiting ripe black fruits, licorice and classic Rutherford "dust" qualities. Packed with intense currant, espresso and licorice notes the wine is well structured and built to last. There were only 40 cases and a few magnums of this powerful wine produced.

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