

## 2005 Red

The 2005 vintage was one of the coolest and longest vintages in years. The extended maturation and cooler temperatures produced exquisite tannin structure and complex aromas of fruit and spice with delicious savory notes. Patience was needed to anxiously wait for full maturity but the rewards did finally come. We keep all of our individual blocks and sub-blocks of vineyard separate in the cellar to retain as much character of each micro-parcel as possible. When preparing this blend, we select some of our best barrels representing every distinct spot in our vineyard. This gives us a chance to show off the way in which many different elements from the same vineyard combine to make a harmonious Bell Mountain Ranch blend.

The 2005 Red has a spice-laden core of red and black fruits. Bright acidity and rich texture complete this concentrated wine that reflects the site, the vintage and the kind of wine we like to enjoy.

### Profile

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| Appellation   | Alexander Valley                   |
| Harvest       | 9-29 through 11-2-05               |
| Cooperage     | 100% French; 50% new               |
| Blend         | 50% Merlot; 50% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| Alcohol       | 13.90%                             |
| Brix          | 24.3                               |
| pH            | 3.7                                |
| Total Acidity | 0.58 g/100ml                       |
| Bottling      | 8/8/2007                           |
| Production    | 585 cases                          |