

KRUPP BROTHERS

2005

Cabernet Sauvignon Stagecoach Vineyard, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	December 1, 2008
<i>Vineyard</i>	Stagecoach Vineyard M-5 Block M-5 is a gently-sloping, south-facing block located in the center of Stagecoach Vineyard on the south side of Pritchard Hill. The soil is shallow, uniform and underlain with granite-type stone. The clonal selection of Cabernet that resides here is rumored to have been obtained from a very special place in Bordeaux. The grapes grown on this site have always resulted in perfectly balanced vines and superb fruit, producing our best Cabernet Sauvignon.
<i>Vintage 2005</i>	Bud break came early in 2005. The vines began to open their leaves in mid March. April and May were cool and stormy. Bloom came late in May and the summer remained cool, leading to a long hang time. The vines were thinned during summer, which allowed a uniform ripening during September and October. A long, warm fall contributed to perfect ripening weather.
<i>Fermentation</i>	After a 3-day cold soak, fermentation was allowed to commence with indigenous yeast strains. The wine spent a total of 24 days on skins. Post maceration the wine was drained directly to barrel where the wine underwent spontaneous malolactic fermentation.
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	October 21, 2005
<i>Bottled</i>	June 26, 2007 - Unfined
<i>pH/Brix</i>	3.9/27.5
<i>Alcohol</i>	15.4% w/v
<i>Cooperage</i>	Matured for 19 months in 100% new Taransaud French oak barriques.
<i>Production</i>	468 cases



WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Red/black in color. Aromas of blackcurrants, black raspberries, blueberries, dark chocolate, licorice, sage, thyme, and jasmine leap from the glass. Fine supple tannins with complex flavors of black and red currants, cedar, bay leaf, and cocoa. An exotic wine that displays wonderful texture and length and develops beautifully with decanting. Best paired with chargrilled beef fillet or exquisite dark chocolate. Drink now through 2020.

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Owned by Dr. Jan Krupp and his brother Bart. The estates are comprised of three mountain vineyards: Stagecoach, Krupp, and Krupp Brothers. These vineyards are the sources for their three brands: Veraison, Black Bart and the Krupp Brothers Gold Series.

