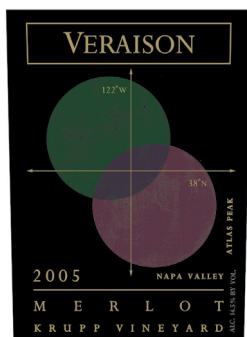


# VERAISON

## 2005 Merlot Krupp Vineyard, Atlas Peak Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2008
<i>Vineyard</i>	At an elevation of 1,450 feet, Krupp Vineyard rests just above Stags Leap. It is planted with a unique clone of Merlot, Clone 6 on St. George rootstock. With small yields, this Merlot exhibits a wonderful earthiness, intense mountain tannins, and great structure that come from red, rocky, volcanic soils.
<i>Vintage 2005</i>	Bud break arrived early in 2005. 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>	A six-day cold soak was attained before fermentation with indigenous yeast. Moderate fermentation temperatures and regular pump-overs allowed for a total of 24 days on skins.
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	Merlot
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	October 27-31, 2005
<i>Bottled</i>	February 26, 2007; Unfined & Unfiltered
<i>pH/Brix</i>	3.92/24.0
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.5 %
<i>Cooperage</i>	Matured for 16 months in 85% new French barriques – Taransaud and Bossuet
<i>Production</i>	440 cases



### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*A complex layered nose with subtle aromas of sage, earth, blueberry, black raspberry, black olives, and cedary oak. The palate displays a combination of red berry fruits and earthy notes. It is medium bodied with good mid-palate fleshiness, firm mountain tannins, and a long finish. The wine benefits greatly with careful decanting. Ideal with braised short ribs, roasted veal prime rib, or Buffalo ribeye. Enjoy now through 2016.*

### KRUPP BROTHERS

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.