

BRANHAM Estate Wines

The Obsidian Vineyard sits in the heart of the Napa Valley AVA, bounded by the Silverado Trail, the Napa River, Selby Creek, and Bale Lane. Fruit from this vineyard comprises sixty percent of the blend. The remaining forty percent is from grapes boasting Social Register bloodlines: the historic Taplin Vineyard in St. Helena. The 2005 vintage is remarkable for its quantity and quality. Early spring rains gave us a scare, but a mild summer and a fall with no heat spikes or rain gave us great fruit. Balanced tannins and acidity, and dark, layered fruit propel the elegance of this Napa Valley gem; quality at a value.

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Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2005

Vineyards

Obsidian (60%) • Taplin (40%)

Varietal %

Cabernet Sauvignon 98%; Petite Verdot 2%

Harvest

October 1 & 14, 2005

Brix 25 - 3.55 pH - .66 TA

Winemaking

Fermented 14-days @ 88 degrees, Pressed at Dryness to French Oak
Malolactic fermentation: inoculated at pressing and completed in barrels
Aged twenty Months in 100% French Oak: 60% New, 40% one-year old

Chemistry at Bottling

14.4% Alcohol

3.67 pH; .63 TA

Release Information

Bottling: June 2007