



CLARE LUCE ABBEY
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Harvest Date

October 21, 2005

Barrel Age

24 months, 70% new

Cooperage

Berger, Treuil, Sylvain, Trust

Bottling Date

January 10, 2008

Alcohol

13.9%

Release Date

Fall 2008

The 2005 vintage was an exceptional harvest in that we experienced the rare combination of its high quality and high quantity. From bud break to harvest the growing conditions were ideal. The ideal Napa Valley growing conditions of hot days and cool nights, with only a few periods of major heat, contributed to producing possibly one of the finest years of winemaking in the valley's history.

The mountainside vineyard includes 7 acres planted to cabernet sauvignon clone 7 on 110R rootstock. Trellising is Guyot simple single for cluster profiling and low yield farming. Winemaking was custom crush at neighbors, Vineyard 29.

Winemaker Gerry Rowland shares the following tasting impressions: "Aromas of ripe black cherries, mocha, sarsaparilla and tobacco. There are flavors of blueberry, coffee bean, vanilla and white pepper. The mouth feel, like the aromas, are harmonious and balanced with a big fruit entry followed by a savory mid-palate with textural tannins and a hint of tar to complete the long finish."