

ST. FRANCIS WINERY & VINEYARDS

2005 MERLOT SONOMA COUNTY

HARVEST Sept - Oct 2005

AGING Twenty-Three Months

STORAGE French & American Oak

BOTTLING April 2008

ALCOHOL 14.5% by volume

AGING POTENTIAL 5 to 8 years

Grown in loam, clay and volcanic soil mixed with gravel, the 100% Sonoma County grown grapes in this wine are particularly intense. Skillfully selected from vineyards through out Sonoma County, each with diverse micro-climates ranging from the hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains to the cooler Sonoma Valley floor, the grapes are handpicked at the peak of ripeness. Once harvested by hand, the grapes are crushed into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. The wine is then aged in American and French oak barrels for a full twenty three months. A varietal classic with distinctive Sonoma County style, spicy herb and vanilla overtones give way to luscious black fruit on the palate, nuanced with chocolate. The wines round generous tannins give it a big finish.

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