



THE WINE: The 2005 S.P. Drummer Napa Valley Oakville District Cabernet Sauvignon comes from two separate vineyards in opposite sides of the district; one from the east side on the Silverado Trail, and the other from the west, off highway 29. The east side of the district is known for its gravelly alluvial soils yielding highly textured Cabernet Sauvignon, while the west exhibits deeper clay-loam soils yielding concentrated, lush wines.

TASTING NOTES: Initially, the wine is characterized by a hint of anise, then aromas of crushed black plums become apparent with notes of cassis, lush ripe black fruits, sweet creamy mocha, and integrated oak barrel spices. The wine is sleek and elegant in the mouth, with the seamless texture of ripe black fruits that are both elegant and supple with incredible length.

WINEMAKING: Vineyards blocks were harvested and fermented separately, then aged in French oak barrels as separate lots prior to blending and bottling. Skins were left macerating on both lots for a total of forty days to enhance structure and mouth feel. Consistent with the stylistic design of S.P. Drummer wines, in order to develop mouth feel and textural components, heavy doses of oxygen and multiple rackings were employed in the first year of the aging process. A minimal approach was employed in the second year, with only one or two rackings to ensure continued maturation and natural clarification. The wine was aged twenty-one months in sixty-five percent new French Oak.

ALCOHOL:	14.6%
TOTAL ACID:	5.2 G/L
PH:	3.83
TOTAL CASES:	293 12-BOTTLE CASES.

THE WINEMAKER: Scott Peterson is a seasoned winemaker and consultant with twenty years of winemaking in California, South America, and Europe. Scott graduated with a degree in Enology from the University of California, Davis, and has been a winemaker at Villa Mt. Eden, Conn Creek and Kendall-Jackson wineries. In the last ten years, he has worked as a consulting winemaker with an international clientele producing wines in California for several projects in both Napa and Sonoma counties, while at the same time working in Argentina as winemaking consultant for Nicolas Catena and in Chile under a joint venture in Colchagua Valley. In the same period, he has been active producing his own wines from select Napa and Sonoma Valley sites under the S.P. Drummer and Rumpus labels.

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