



## 2005 CALIFORNIA CUVÉE

86.5% Syrah, 12% Petite Sirah, 1.5% Viognier

**Appellation:** California

**Production:** 760 cases

**Alcohol:** 15%

**Retail:** \$25

**Tasting Notes** – Gushing blackberry and blueberry fruit is counterbalanced with a serious underlying minerality. A hint of peach skin from the Viognier adds to the intrigue.

*“The opportunity for a winemaker to blend wines from different AVA’s is a true experience. The majority of the grapes come from the Fess Parker and Ventana vineyards, both of which remind me of the Northern Rhône and are intense in their own right. The addition of the elegant Musci Vineyard Syrah, a powerful Petite Sirah, and the subtle hint of Viognier bring out complex dimensions that really pull the wine together.” – Jeff Cohn*

**92 points, Wine Spectator**