



### **2005 California Cuvée – Syrah**

**Varietal:** 86.5% Syrah, 12% Petite Syrah, and 1.5% Viognier

**Appellation:** California

**Alcohol:** 15%

**Production:** 760 cases

**Tasting Notes:** Each vintage provides a new experience in a bottle. We have a chance to take wines nurtured throughout the year and produce an experience that represents the many aromatics and flavors from different California AVAs. This year's blend has proven to be my favorite so far. Gushing blackberry and blueberry fruit is counterbalanced with a serious underlying minerality. A hint of peach skin from the Viognier adds to the intrigue.

**Winemaker's Comments:** The opportunity for a winemaker to blend wines from different AVA's to create a wine that shows all the nuances of each, but without having any of them be the dominant is a true experience. The Majority of the blend comes from Fess Parker's and Ventana vineyards. Both of these vineyards remind me of Northern Rhone and are intense in their own right. But the addition of the elegant Musci Vineyard Syrah, a powerful Petite Syrah and the subtle hint of Viognier, bring out complex dimensions that really pull the wine together.

**Retail:** \$25