



COLUMBIA-CREST  
*Reserve*

## 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon

### GROWING SEASON

- ▶ Harvest commenced as one of the earliest harvests on record.
- ▶ Warm summer months and cool evenings contributed to the uniformity of berry maturation.
- ▶ A temperature drop in late summer cooled the vineyard and allowed the grapes extra hang time to enhance flavor and aromatic development.
- ▶ Moderate weather conditions during harvest contributed to mature fruit with intense flavors, good sugar development, and high natural acidity across varieties.

### VINEYARDS

- ▶ Cabernet Sauvignon grapes for the Reserve program were harvested from the top 10% of the vintage's best vineyard sites.
- ▶ Vineyard sites are located on the Wahluke Slope, offering aromatics, texture and complexity; the Cold Creek area, which add flavor and fruitiness; and on the Horse Heaven Hills, which contribute balance and body to the finished wine.
- ▶ Cabernet Sauvignon has an affinity for the growing season's warm daytime cooler evening temperatures. The balance between daytime and nighttime temperatures during the ripening period concentrated aromatics and enhanced complexity.
- ▶ The region's low rainfall stressed the vines, yielding concentrated fruit with depth and varietal expression.

### VINIFICATION

- ▶ Hand-picked grapes were crushed with 20% whole berries remaining.
- ▶ Cold soaking on the skins for two days extracted soft tannins and intense color.
- ▶ Twice-daily pumpovers during fermentation occurred for 7-14 days to aerate the wine and enhance aromatics and bouquet.
- ▶ Lots are blended and placed in new French and American oak barrels for malolactic fermentation.
- ▶ Aging occurred for 24-26 months in the barrel.

VINEYARDS ▶ 100 % COLUMBIA VALLEY

HARVEST DATE ▶ SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

BLEND ▶ 91% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 4% CABERNET FRANC  
5% MERLOT

FERMENTATION ▶ 7-14 DAYS ON SKINS

ALCOHOL ▶ 14.2%

TOTAL ACIDITY ▶ 0.60G/100ML

PH ▶ 3.66



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### TASTING NOTES

*"This powerful Cabernet Sauvignon delivers intense fruit aromas mingled with chocolate cherry and slight mint aromatics. Cocoa and black cherry flavors lead to a complex, perfectly balanced palate of wood and fruit flavors that cumulate on the lingering finish."*



*Ray Einberger*

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