



KENDALL-JACKSON®

Grand Reserve

2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

JACKSON ESTATES GROWN

Winemaking Philosophy

Grand Reserve is a masterful blend of our mountain, hillside, ridge and benchland grapes grown along California's cool coastal appellations.

We hand-select grapes from our best estate vineyards and then monitor, taste and hand-hold each individual lot throughout the winemaking process. Each lot is kept separate, barrel-aged and handcrafted - boutique winery style. Our winemakers have an unmatched palate of flavors, toast levels and terroir nuances from which they masterfully blend these exemplary rich, deep and complex wines.

Experience the Difference

- 100% Jackson Estates Grown on vineyards that we own or control via a long-term lease or similar arrangement ensuring that our precision farming methods are used and grapes are harvested at the peak of their maximum potential.
- Handcrafted from the top 1.5% of all the Kendall-Jackson Cabernet Sauvignon lots.
- Grapes are sourced from lower-yielding estate vineyards and specially-designated "Grand Reserve" blocks.
- 70% of the wine is from the same vineyard blocks year-to-year ensuring greater consistency and enhanced complexity with each vintage.
- Precision harvesting, sorting, de-stemming, and pressing methods are utilized so the grapes are handled in the most delicate manner possible.
- Pre-fermentation cold-soak adds layers of complexity by extracting a different profile of silky phenolics. This gentle skin contact results in tannins that are rounder, more lush, lingering and voluptuous.

2005 Vintage Profile

The 2005 vintage will go down as the most surprising in Kendall-Jackson history. The rains lasted some three months longer than usual which was well into June. This highly unusual weather created an exceptionally long bloom season and led to our big surprise – a large healthy grape crop. A comfortable summer melded into a rainless fall ensuring the perfect environment for grape development.

Key Growing Regions

100% Jackson Estates Grown in Sonoma, Mendocino and Napa Counties.

- Sonoma County ridge and hillside fruit, particularly from the Alexander Valley, brings the wine its black cherry, coffee and currant flavors.
- Mendocino County mountain, ridge and hillside fruit adds complex, diverse tannins with cherry tones.
- Napa County mountain and benchland vineyards add blackberry, cedar and cassis notes.

Accolades

- 88 Points - "Mostly from Sonoma. A deep ruby-colored wine with a pure cassis nose intermixed with some lead pencil, spice and earth."

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s *The Wine Advocate*, 12/26/07

- ★★★★★ - Excellent
Ronn Wiegand, *Restaurant Wine*, 1/08

Winemaker Notes

"Well-defined currants, blackberry, blueberry and cassis make for abundant fruit on the attack. Sturdy, complex tannins balance the acidity throughout. Notes of smoke, mocha, cedar and lots of rich oak round off the long, earthy, heady finish."

Randy Ullom, Winemaker

Statistical Information

Appellation: 87% Sonoma County
8% Mendocino County
5% Napa County

Composition: 93% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Merlot
1% Cabernet Franc

Barrel Aging: 14 months in 91% French (28% new) and 9% American oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A.: 0.59 g/100 ml

pH: 3.67

