



KENDALL-JACKSON®

Grand Reserve

2005 PINOT NOIR

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 ensuring that our precision farming methods are used and grapes are harvested at the peak of their maximum potential.
- Handcrafted from the top 1% of Kendall-Jackson Pinot Noir wine lots.
- Grapes are sourced from lower-yielding, rockier vineyards and specially-designated "Grand Reserve" precision farmed blocks. Our designated Pinot Noir vineyards and blocks are planted to clones 115, 667 and Julia's.
- 70% of the wine is from the same vineyard blocks year-to-year ensuring greater consistency and enhanced complexity with each vintage.
- Precision harvesting, gentle de-stemming, and soft pressing methods are utilized so the grapes are handled in the most delicate manner possible.
- Artisan winemaking techniques, such as cold soaking and extended maceration, were used to deepen the color and intensify the rich flavor. Fermentation in small, open-top bins allowed for hand punch-downs several times daily.

2005 Vintage Profile

The 2005 vintage will go down as the most surprising in Kendall-Jackson history. The rains lasted 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 - grapes everywhere!

A comfortable summer melded into a rainless fall ensuring the perfect environment for grape development. The harvest began late and went on and on, all day, all night and every day through late November.

2005 will be Monterey and Santa Barbara's shining vintage. The crop levels and ripeness throughout our estate vineyards were exceptional.

Key Growing Regions

Our estate Monterey vineyards lend the strawberry, raspberry and slight chocolate flavors to this wine. The eastern decomposed granite slopes add sophisticated robust structure and texture.

The grapes are grown in our Santa Barbara vineyard where the cool Pacific Ocean breezes and fog make it one of America's premier growing regions for the noble Pinot Noir.

Winemaker Notes

"Subtle blackberry aromas lead to a core of wild strawberries. Intense raspberry and black cherry flavors follow on the mid-palate. Elevated terrain imparts an exquisite complexity and richness throughout, while hints of chocolate and velvety, rose petal tannins linger on the finish."

Randy Ullom, Winemaster

Statistical Information

Appellation: 63% Santa Barbara
37% Monterey

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir
Cases: 1,967

Barrel Aging: 9 months in 100% French oak
barrels (36% new)

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A.: 0.49 g/100 ml

pH: 3.72

