



2005

The Brat



APPELLATIONS: 100% Sierra Foothills AVA, Calaveras County

HARVEST DATE: October 20, 2005

VINEYARD: 100% Appaloosa Estate Vineyard

COMPOSITION:

ALC: 14.8%

PH:

TA:

CASES PRODUCED: 150 cases

CELLAR PRACTICES: All fruit is hand picked, hand sorted, destemmed and crushed with 15% whole cluster into small open top fermentors. Cold soaked for 4 days, inoculated with a specially selected yeast isolated from the Rhone Valley and fermented dry. Pressed into 100% French Oak barrels and aged for 17 months.

TASTING NOTES: This wine is inspired by the blends of Chateauf Du Pape of the Rhone Valley in France. A blend of 53% Grenache and 47% Syrah this wine is more subdued than its counterpart. It shows more red fruit up front with notes of raspberries and red cherries mingled with crushed wet stones lending itself to a background of minerality. On the palate the wine is seductively rich with ample acidity that carries the juicy red fruit flavors through to the back with a firm spicy finish.

RETAIL PRICE: \$36

REVIEWS: 91 points ~ Wine Spectator, November 2007
Savory, with supple flavors that build, with spice, dried berry, anise and sage, supported by firm tannins and ending with a hint of spice and cedar. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2011. 150 cases made.
—James Laube Wine Spectator