



2005 Cru Vin Dogs “Best in Show” Cabernet Sauvignon

This is a magnificent wine. Seriously – trust me on this one. Our very first “Best in Show” offering is made from the very rare Jackson Selection of cabernet sauvignon. The original cuttings of this clone came from pre-phylloxera vines planted in a UC Davis research station in 1889. The station was abandoned at the turn of the century and only rediscovered, quite wild and overgrown, some 60 years later. Incredibly, some vines had survived the half-century of neglect and cuttings were taken and propagated. This is not your typical cabernet vine. The berries are tiny, tiny, tiny, like large blueberries – great for making extremely concentrated, age-worthy wine but not so great for grape yield and wine volume, which is a major reason why only a handful of Jackson Selection vineyards exist in the world today. The semi-feral nature of the heritage of this cabernet selection rings true in its intense wild berry aromas and flavors, balanced by dark chocolate, cinnamon bark and a just hint of mint. The tannin and acid provide structure to the wine and attest to its age-ability. I’ve had the pleasure of working with this particular west Dry Creek Valley vineyard for 10 years and I’ve witnessed firsthand how magnificently wines from this block age. A mere four barrels of this wine was produced so get it before it’s gone.

