

YATES FAMILY VINEYARD
MOUNT VEEDER



2005 Alden Perry Reserve

Production 168 12-bottle 750 ml cases
Bottled Date May 2007
Composition 55% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation Mount Veeder – Napa Valley
Elevation 1000-1200 feet
Alcohol 14.5 %
Cooperage Aged for 18 months in 25% new French Oak

Tasting Notes

Blue core with a red rim in color. Big high tone aromatics of licorice, saffrafras and allspice, with a hint of white pepper. On the palate beautiful flavors of black cherry, Bing cherry and anise on the entry are complemented by a suggestion of clove, cinnamon and ginger which carriers long into the finish. The broad flavors with rich berry fruitiness and stone fruit, give the impression at times of apricot nectar and at times blackberry jam.

Vineyard

The Yates Family Vineyard is located on the slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains, in the Mount Veeder Appellation. The 35 acres of steep, hillside vineyards were replanted by the Yates' family in the early 1980s to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. At an average elevation of over 1,100 feet, the site, with its combination of microclimates and volcanic soils, produces incredible grapes with intense fruit flavors. These elements all contribute to the extremely long-lived wines from this vineyard.

Vintage

After a very wet winter, March came in dry and mild which resulted in normal bud break. April began with lots of rain and cool weather which delayed the flowering of the vines. The beginning summer months had mild temperatures followed by warm, picture perfect weather. These conditions allowed for an extended hang time that let us and not Mother Nature dictate harvest. We started picking October 1st and finished November 3rd.