

YATES FAMILY VINEYARD
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MOUNT VEEDER



2005 FLEUR de VEEDER

Production	98 12-bottle 750 ml cases 44 12-bottle 375 ml cases
Bottled Date	May 2007
Composition	100% estate grown Merlot
Appellation	Mount Veeder – Napa Valley
Elevation	1000-1200 feet
Alcohol	14.2 %
Cooperage	Aged for 18 months in 20 % new French Oak

Tasting Notes Very dark translucent, glimmers with hues of blue and purple. This wine has a rich and intense look to it. Appealing with straight forward dark berries and stone fruit aromatics, followed by cherry that explodes into the flavors and bursts out with broad blueberry, blue plum and cherry flavors from the very broad mid-palette through the long finish.

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.