

FEATURED WINES

2005 White Cottage Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Could this be the finest Cabernet Sauvignon that Dennis Johns has ever made?

That's what some folks around the Napa Valley are suggesting. And it would be quite an accomplishment, given Johns' amazing string of stunning Cabs and Cabernet blends when he was the winemaker at St. Clement.

The grapes for this wine were grown on Dennis and Adele Johns' estate vineyard on Howell Mountain, a sub-appellation of the Napa Valley known for producing rich, robust wines. "This was the first vintage to have been vinted and bottled in our new winery," Johns tells us. "With the entire production on-site, we were able to put even more detail into hand-crafting the wine. The fruit came from specially chosen blocks of the vineyard. It took 18 different 'pickings' to ensure the peak of ripeness."

Adds Johns: "I think the French oak aging finished it off beautifully. The wine also has that Howell Mountain minerality." So, is it Johns' best Cabernet ever? You be the judge.

TASTING NOTES

Grape Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aging Vessels:

French Oak for 15 Months

Grape Source:

Estate Vineyard in Howell Mountain Area of Napa Valley

When to Drink:

Now Through 2012

Aromas and Flavors:

Rose Petal, Mocha, Black Pepper Spice, Blackberry and Toasted Honey Oats

Our Tasting Panel Score:

93 Points

Framed by iconic Howell Mountain minerality, this wine offers notes of rose petal, mocha, black pepper spice, blackberry and toasty honey oats.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: filet mignon, or prime rib au jus.

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