



CHARLES CREEK  
VINEYARD

2005

*Las Pasiones Cabernet Sauvignon*  
*Sonoma Valley*

Winemaker: Kerry G. Damskey

Production: Restricted Availability

Bottling Date: November 8, 2007

The Vineyards: 93% Sonoma Valley-Mountain Terraces Vineyard  
7% Napa Valley-Stagecoach Vineyard

The Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

The Winemaking: 100% Open tank fermentation  
23 months in French and American Oak Cooperage

The Vintage: While complicated by heavy rains in the late winter, a mid-march spring heat wave kicked off the growing season in a big way. Rains continued on an off through June with moderate temperatures overall; growers were forced to drop fruit that was affected by botrytis and mildew resulting in somewhat smaller crop yields. Ultimately, the vineyards got the sun and heat that they needed resulting in good quality fruit.

The Wine: Deep purple in hue and youthfully vibrant, this richly extracted Cabernet Sauvignon is built for the next decade (or more) of aging but holds immediate appeal for its ripe fruit and opulent texture. Aromas of dark cherry and spice accompany the deeply fruited berry and plum flavors. An accent reminiscent of sarsaparilla and vanillin with a touch of mocha lends complexity while refined tannins suggest the advantages of cellaring.

The Stats: Alc: 14.7%  
Total Acidity: 0.62  
pH: 3.67

Serve with: Rich beef or lamb based dishes, seared duck breast or flavorful duck confit would be excellent partners with this lush, full flavored Cabernet.