



# CHARLES CREEK

## VINEYARD

### *2005 Miradero* *Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot Blend* *Sonoma County*

Winemaker: Kerry G. Damskey  
Production: Limited Production  
Bottling Date: November 7, 2007

The Appellation: 78% Sonoma Valley-Mountain Terraces Vineyard  
16% Sonoma Valley-Carneros-Sangiaco Vineyard  
6% Napa Valley-Carneros-Hyde Vineyard

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 Blend: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon  
22% Merlot

The Winemaking: 100% Open Top-Punch Down Tank Fermentation  
23 months in French & American Oak Cooperage

The Wine: As with the multiple award winning 2003 & 2004, this edition of our Bordeaux-style blend is a classic. Following in the Bordeaux tradition, the addition of Merlot serves to round, soften and deepen the flavors and aromas of the Cabernet Sauvignon. Dark berry fruit aromas with a hint of cedar and spice draw one into a richly textured, full flavored wine. In the mouth, dark fruits, cherry and plum are accented with the barrel derived flavors of vanillin and dark roasted cocoa bean. Luscious tonight, this wine will gain in subtlety and depth over the next 5-8 years.

The Stats: Alc: 14.7%  
Total Acidity: 6.0 g/l  
pH: 3.70