



HILL FAMILY
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2005 Double Barrel Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 50 cases (two barrels)

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards: Sacrashe 41%, Baker 40 % and Beau Terre 19%

Appellation: Rutherford, Atlas Peak and Oak Knoll

Elevations: Bench lands, hillside and the valley floor

Cooperage: 100% new French Oak

Alcohol: 15.25%, TA 0.60, pH 3.79

The 2005 Hill Family Estate “*Double Barrel*” Cabernet Sauvignon represents the two best barrels we can put together for the year. A blend of plush valley floor fruit and refined intense mountain fruit is the best Napa Valley can offer. All new French Oak to structure all of the fruit makes for a very big wine, one that will probably need 5 years to come into its own with both barrels firing.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s Tasting notes:

Double Barrel is a bold coursing wine, with layers that swirl into each other. Blackberry, black licorice, boysenberry, molasses, and toasty cedary oak all come and go in the aroma. The palate takes some time to unfold, as the blackberry, plum, black cherry flavors and some pushy oak tannins all try to make their way through the thickly textured mid-palate, but the finish is already nicely polished and the wine improves on opening for several hours, in fact, for several days. (It seemed rather surprising that anyone would open it up this soon).