



2005
Washington State
CABERNET-SYRAH
“The Next Generation of Latah Creek Wines”



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Washington State’s 2005 grape harvest rang up record-breaking numbers with crush (according to the Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers) estimated at 116,760 tons, surpassing the industry’s previous record of 115,000 tons in 2002. Thanks to a perfect combination of warm summer months, cool autumn temperatures and a previous mild winter, the 2005 harvest yielded extremely high quality grapes. The crop was beautiful with many vines coming out of adolescence, bringing a maturity to the vintage not seen in recent years.

Mother Nature was definitely on our side, delivering one of the warmest summers we’ve had in recent years followed by a prolonged Indian summer, constant fall weather and a frost-free harvest. This allowed the fruit to hang on the vine longer to further develop and enhance the wonderful robust characteristics found only in Washington State wines. Concentrated flavors due to smaller berry sizes and cluster weights set 2005 apart as a stand-out quality vintage. While it’s still too early to tell, early indications lead many to believe that 2005 could very well be the vintage of the decade so far for Washington state.

Today there are more than 500 Washington State wineries utilizing grapes from the state’s 30,000+ acres of plantings. Latah Creek Wine Cellars ranks near the 26th largest depending upon the source.



**CABERNET—SYRAH
 25TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
 WINE RELEASE**

TASTING NOTES:

Cabernet and Syrah has always been one of my favorite wine blends. The spiciness of Syrah and the wonderful fullness of Cabernet marry together so well you’d think they were destined to be one. So to commemorate our 25th Anniversary Celebration, we bottled this special 50/50 blend of 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon and 2005 Syrah. This Cabernet-Syrah also marks **“The Next Generation of Latah Creek Wines”**, one’s developed by my daughter Natalie and myself. The grapes for this spectacular blend were picked from the Arete’ and Alice Vineyards in Central Washington. This is a massive red wine with incredibly dark color and unbelievable amounts of fruit and flavor. As Natalie has said: “this isn’t your mama’s wine”. I know you will enjoy this very special Anniversary Release wine. If you enjoy drinking massive reds, then this incredibly dark, intensely full-bodied and fruity, mouth-filling red will be just right for you.



WINE MAKING NOTES

Harvest Analysis:

Cabernet Sauv: picked October 16, 2005
 Brix: 24.5 TA: .65 pH: 3.46
 Syrah: picked October 21, 2005
 Brix: 24.9 TA: .59 pH: 3.51
 Vineyard: Cabernet Sauvignon: Alice Vineyards
 Syrah: Arete’ Vineyards
 Yeast: Prie de Mouse and French Red
 Malolactic fermentation: 100% complete
 Fining: none
 Oak barrel aging: 15 months new French oak

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