

Appellation: Napa Valley 32 lots hand-harvested and vinified separately: 16 lots selected for Cain Five

Harvest DatesSeptember 20 through October 18, 1995Total time in Barrel22 monthsProduction6,800 cases of 750ml bottlesRelease DateJanuary 1, 1999Suggested Retail\$60 per bottle

The 1995 vintage was relatively late and came at the end of a prolonged period of gentle ripening in warm conditions. The yields were not large—about the same as 1994, yet less than 1991. There were no major hot spells and no serious rain or cold periods. This should be it. What did we get? A dense, supple, chewy wine. Ripe, but no hint of overripeness. Tannic, yes, but very fine tannins. Perhaps not as showy as the 1994 Cain Five, but with as much class.

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