



HALTER RANCH VINEYARD

2005 ANCESTOR ESTATE RESERVE

Blend: 26% Cabernet Franc
26% Merlot
22% Malbec
19% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Syrah

Harvest Dates: Cabernet Franc – Block 40B 10/5/05
Merlot – Block 32 10/4/05
Malbec – Block 42 9/26/05
Cabernet Sauvignon – Block 27 10/5/05
Syrah – Block 4 10/11/05

Fermentation: Open and closed top fermenters –
14-21 days

Barrel Aging: 18 months in French oak barrels

Alcohol: 15.0%

pH: 3.42

TA: 6.9 g/liter

Bottled: June 12, 2007

Production: 630 cases (12 x 750ml)

TASTING NOTES

Our *Ancestor* Estate Reserve is the very best our estate has to offer each year, without regard to varietal or blending parameters. This Bordeaux-style red blend displays an opaque garnet color and intense, complex aromas of blackberries, vanilla, earth, smoke, tea leaf, tar, clove and star anise. On the medium-bodied palate, ripe blackberry, black cherry, cassis, nutmeg, spice and toasted oak flavors are harmoniously balanced by seamlessly integrated tannins and bright acidity. Delicious now with a wide range of beef, lamb and rich pork dishes, it will develop beautifully for another 10-12 years.