

*Hoffman Cellars*

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**AVA:** St. Helena

**Blend:** 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc

**Alcohol:** 14.2% by volume

**Aging:** 17 months in small, French oak barrels, 70% new

**Production:** 327 cases

**Release Date:** October 2005

**Consulting winemaker:** John McKay

**Tasting Notes:** This deeply complex wine exudes aromas of black currant, plum and sweet herbs. On the palate, an exquisite layering of warm, ripe berries, mocha and custard, with nuances of cooking spice, mineral and earth on a lingering finish. Stout acidity provides a solid frame for the dark, saturated fruit, while polished tannins make it eminently worthy of cellaring.