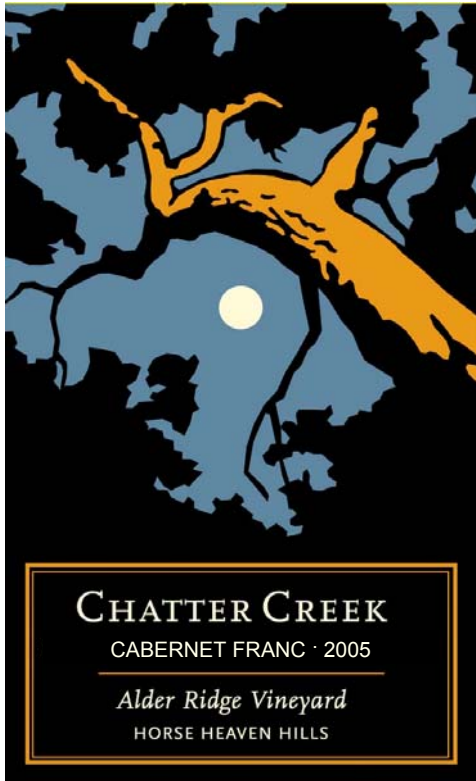


Cabernet Franc

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS ~ 2005



Vineyard Blend

Alder Ridge 100%

Varietal Blend

Cabernet Franc 75%

Merlot 15%

Cabernet Sauvignon 10%

Statistics

Bottled March 15, 2007

Cases produced: 150

Cabernet franc, the cousin to cabernet sauvignon, is widely grown in France. In Bordeaux it is traditionally used for blending. In the Loire Valley it is famous as Chinon. In the United States, it has, until recently, been used mostly as a blending wine, to add brightness to the palate and nose of cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Now more people have been enjoying the wine on its own.

The 2005 cabernet franc is the seventh vintage I've bottled. The fruit had plenty of "hang time" in the vineyard as October was dry but not so hot as to bake out the finesse, and the resulting maturity is evident but out of balance.

The nose shows aromas of plum, Cranberry, cassis, and peppers. The mouth feel is clean and ripe, with youthful pie-cherry red berry and plumb that are unencumbered by oak. The tannins are well managed, and the finish is fruity, velvety and lingers for quite some time.

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