

**2005 Volker Eisele
Cabernet Sauvignon
John McKay, Winemaker**

Tasting Notes:

This 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon is Old World in style. The wine is deep garnet in color with a sweet aroma of blackberries and cassis. All the grapes used in the production were harvested at their peak maturity. The small percentage of Merlot blended in has softened the tannins, allowing the wine to be rich and velvety on the palate. With lots of earth and roasted fruit nuances, this wine is subtle, yet approachable. This wine can be enjoyed now, but it certainly has a long future ahead of it.

History:

Volker Eisele Family Estate is situated in the Chiles Valley District of Napa Valley. Chiles Valley is one of the cooler areas in the Napa Valley, resulting in a long growing season. The growing area within Chiles Valley was originally part of the “Rancho Catacula” land grant, given to Joseph Bollinger Chiles in 1843 by the last Mexican governor of California. The Chiles family later sold a portion of their land to Francis Sievers, a German pioneer. In the 1870’s, Sievers founded Lomita’s Vineyard and Winery on the site. The original winery building, some of the tanks, and the original press constructed by Sievers still remain on the property. The Eisele family purchased the 100-hundred-acre estate in 1974 and replanted Cabernet vines in 1975. These vineyards continue to yield fruit of superb quality.

Composition:	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 2% Cab Franc
Alcoholic Content:	14.9%
Total Acidity:	0.69
pH:	3.6
Aged:	22 months in French oak, 50% new
Suggested Retail:	\$42.00