



2005

# RUTHERFORD *Ranch*

NAPA VALLEY  
RHIANNON  
RED WINE

NAPA VALLEY'S *Best Value*

## WINE DESCRIPTION

Our 2005 Rhiannon Red Wine is the second vintage of this Bordeaux-style wine. Vibrant ruby red in color, this luscious red wine features aromatics of cassis, Bing cherry, black raspberry and vanilla bean on the nose intertwined with scents of dark chocolate and espresso bean. You will enjoy the fresh, ripe flavors of cassis cranberry and Bing cherry with your very first. The rich, dark chocolate marries well with the soft caramel and the rich tannins for an elegant finish. A truly delicious wine!

## FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

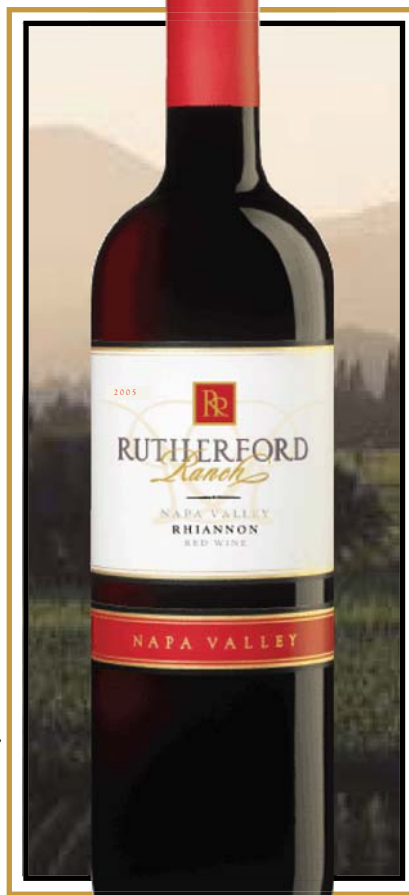
Our 2005 Rhiannon Red Wine is the perfect match with all grilled or roasted red meats such as a barbecued dry-aged T-bone or rib-eye steak. When serving your guests, this wine also goes well with roasted leg of lamb or rigatoni pasta with grilled lamb sausage and red pepper ragout.

## AGING

Aged for 18 months in French oak barrels.

## TOTAL ACID/pH

0.60 / 3.52



## RELEASE DATE

July 2007

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2005 growing season began with a relatively cool, rainy and late spring, providing a slow start to vine growth. These cooler conditions lead numerous varieties and appellations to start blooming at about the same time. The long summer weather was mild and moderate, encouraging extra growth, increased berry size with heavier and tighter clusters. The weather cooled toward the end of the growing season delaying harvest by 10 days to two weeks later than usual extending "hang-time" for perfectly balanced sugars and acids. Colors in red wines were intense, inky-dark and opulent. 2005 looks to be another stellar vintage!

## BLEND

Our 2005 Napa Valley Rhiannon Red wine is a blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 5% Syrah and 2% Petite Sirah.

## GRAPE SOURCE

Select vineyards located throughout the Napa Valley.

## ALCOHOL

14.5%

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