



Charlie Crocker and Pam Starr's partnership flags the resurrection of an 1870's winery in the small town of St. Helena. Our commitment to sustainable and organic farming techniques coupled with cutting edge winemaking tools and guided by expert hands have combined the best of both old world philosophy and new world fruit. This estate has been uninterrupted farmland as far back as the 1870's and spans over 100 acres of the gorgeous St. Helena Appellation.

Our philosophy at Crocker & Starr is to capture the greatness of the Crocker Vineyard in powerful and balanced wines without compromise. We strive to set the bar for St Helena Appellation Cabernets as would a First Growth Bordeaux Chateau.

Our story continues as the 2008 Harvest marks the twelfth year as Crocker & Starr Wines. Reflecting on our first decade, the spotlight is on our organic and sustainable farming efforts which brought strength and balance to the estate old vines, establishing the evolution of our icon wine – *Stone Place*. Our second decade begins with the new face of this wine now called Cabernet Sauvignon. We invite you to continue your journey with Crocker & Starr as we continue to grow through the ages.

2005 Cabernet Sauvignon “*Stone Place*” **Estate Old Vines Sustainably Grown**

Vintage Notes: The 2005 growing season was very mild without the typical end of the season heat spikes. This pattern lead to one of the latest and elongated harvests since 1991. Vines were balanced with fruit dropping pre and post veraison yet there remained a beautiful and bountiful crop. Rarely are winegrowers rewarded with both abundance of fruit and intensity in berry character and 2005 was one of those vintages.

Winemaking: Cold soak pre fermentation and post fermentation maceration techniques were applied to various lots of Cabernet. Malolactic fermentation in the barrel. Barrel aged for twenty months in seventy five percent new French oak. Minimal rackings, no fining or filtration. Bottled aged for one year pre-release.

Winemaker's notes: Dense blackberry color on rim continues with hues of violets and blues throughout the wine bowl. Huge volume of aromas rise from the glass: blackberry, espresso, graphite, dark chocolate, toffee and cassis. The entry explodes with flavor and then wine opens in the center with weighty richness and finishes with focus. Long finish of black truffle and blackberries. Big, dense, age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon. (722 cases produced)