

## • 2005 DeBeikes Oakville Estate Cabernet Sauvignon



- DeBeikes Oakville Estates' Cabernet Sauvignon is a single vineyard, single varietal wine that exemplifies our passion and commitment to making the very best wine possible. Oakville is globally recognized as one of the top terroirs for Cabernet Sauvignon and we believe that our fine vintages prove this.

Each vintage is unique. Our winemaker observes and tastes while attempting to extract the best from nature. Skill, experience, and an intuitive understanding of the year are crucial. After extensive tasting of the fruit, each bunch is hand-selected. The determining weeks of fermentation and maceration dominate the winery as they reveal the potential of the vintage.

The young wine will age for around 24 months in 75% to 100% new French oak barrels. During this time, rackings are carried out every three months to remove the clear wine from its sediment. After a full year in the barrel, a gentle fining with egg whites further softens and clarifies the wine.

The resulting vintages are classically structured Cabernets that are soft in texture, rich in flavor, complex and long. The wines display the typical cassis and blackberry notes along with spicy oak aromas that are quickly becoming the hallmarks of the DeBeikes style. Time enhances the flavors and nurtures the bottle bouquet, offering elegance, and earning DeBeikes Oakville Estates the reputation for creating age-worthy wines...

The 2005 wine growing season in Oakville began in late Spring with cool, rainy weather that provided an adequate amount of rainfall and normal temperatures. We then moved into a long Indian summer that brought warm and nearly-perfect growing conditions. Because of the somewhat cooler weather, the harvest was a bit later than usually but, since more time on the vines means better-rounded grapes, we harvest our grapes with excellent sugar development and perfectly-balanced acids. Good maturity and well-rounded flavors were a great indicator that this vintage would show wonderful elegance, balance, and age-worthiness