

## oakville ranch napa valley 2005 field blend

fresh and lively, this patchwork of reds is knit together from picking to packaging. these three varieties “play well together” – each contributing to the silky, rich, fruit-driven wine that speaks of blackberries, blueberries, and cherries.

### listen...savor...and enjoy...

The Chieftains, “The Long Black Veil” Mary Miner, Owner

Shelby Lynn, “Temptation” Ashley Heisey, Winemaker

Ella Fitzgerald, “That Old Black Magic” Paula Kornell, General Manager

<b>appellation</b>	100% napa valley, oakville district 100% oakville ranch – vista block
<b>varietal</b>	69% zinfandel, 18% petite sirah, 13% carignane
<b>harvest date</b>	october 7, 2005
<b>fermentation</b>	co-fermented 12 days on the skins
<b>barrel aging</b>	16 months in 2-year old burgundy barrels
<b>bottling date</b>	april 11, 2007
<b>analysis</b>	14.6% alcohol 3.55 pH 0.65 TA
<b>production</b>	45 cases

located on a sloping plateau that rises to 1,400 feet above the silverado trail on the east side of the napa valley, oakville ranch was one of the oakville appellation’s pioneering vineyards. since then, several other highly regarded and prestigious wineries have become neighbors, drawn to this hillside for its powerful, signature-red volcanic soils. in 1989, when Bob and Mary Miner purchased the 350-acre ranch, 55 acres of vineyards were planted to chardonnay and bordeaux varietals – cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc.

through the years, the vineyards have been meticulously tended. additional small vineyard enclaves have been developed as certain sites have revealed their promise. the shallow and miserly rocky soils slowly release their spartan nutrients, naturally limiting the grape crop to an intense few bunches per vine.

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