



2005 PAHLMAYER PROPRIETARY RED

TECHNICAL NOTES

Release Date:	October 1, 2008	Bottled:	April 17, 2007
Suggested Retail:	\$150 per bottle	Alcohol:	15.2%
Winemaker:	Erin Green	PH:	3.84
Harvest dates:	September 29, 2005 to October 15, 2005	Total Acidity:	0.594
Composition:	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec	Crushing Regime:	100% de-stemmed
Vineyard		Prefermentation	
Composition:	Stagecoach, Waters Ranch, Rancho Chimiles, Schaeffer	Maceration:	4-5 days cold soak, depending upon flavor extraction
		Fermentation:	100% Wild, Native Yeast

TASTING NOTES

The 2005 Pahlmeyer Proprietary Red, a vibrant, deeply colored wine, offers a nose complex in aromas of crème de cassis, tobacco, dark chocolate, dark fruit, graphite and spice. The extraordinary structure of this wine encompasses a palate that is full-bodied and rich, offering excellent acidity and finely grained tannins. The length is impeccable and lasts seemingly for minutes after the last swallow. A truly irresistible wine to try now but certainly one that should also hold for decades.

RATINGS

Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate, Issue 174, December 2007:

The 2005 Proprietary Red is significantly better than what I tasted last year, although I certainly gave it a high score. This wine has fleshed out beautifully. The final blend (84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec) has a deep purple color, a beautifully sweet nose of blackberries and cassis intermixed with some meatiness, smoke, and a touch of pain grille as well as notes of espresso and licorice. Full-bodied, rich, with decent acidity, excellent delineation, and moderately high tannin, this is a beauty that should evolve for 25-30+ years It is no wimpish wine at 15.2% natural alcohol, but that is buried beneath a cascade of gorgeous fruit and glycerin. This wine should be cruising along brilliantly in 2030+. 96 points

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May/June 2008:

Good saturated red-ruby. Pungent aromas of cassis and violet, with a whiff of smoked meat. Densely packed, layered and thick; a step up in depth from the merlot. This boasts a chocolatey richness to its sweet dark fruit flavors. Finishes supple, lush, broad and long, with substantial sweet tannins and a lingering note of chocolate. 94 points

Wine Spectator, Tasting Highlights: California Cabernet Sauvignon and Blends, June 2, 2008:

Ripe, rich and complex, with layers of black cherry, wild berry, currant and cherry kirsch flavors that are bold, rich and persistent, ending with a long, intense yet elegant aftertaste. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. Drink now through 2015. (JL) 94 points

AVAILABILITY

The Pahlmeyer 2005 Proprietary Red will be available October 1, 2008 directly from the winery and through our network of fine restaurants and retail merchants around the world. For further information please visit us at www.pahlmeyer.com.

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