



## CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA

### The Philosophy

The vineyards of the historic Lewelling Estate were established in 1864 near the western foothills in St. Helena by Dave and Doug Wight's great-great-grandfather, pioneer winegrower John Lewelling. Here the gravelly loam soil and microclimate combine to produce exceptional Cabernets with rich cherry, currant and berry flavors that are enhanced by traditional winemaking methods and aging in French and American oak barrels. Brothers Dave (the winemaker) & Doug (the viticulturist) Wight team up to grow and produce some of the Napa Valley's finest Cabernet Sauvignon. Most of the grapes go to people like Caymus, Viader, and Beaulieu Vineyards-- since 1992 they have made small quantities of wine under their own label.

### The Details

Vintage:	2005
Varietal Composition:	95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc from Lewelling Vineyards
Vineyard Location:	Napa Valley, ½ mile southwest of St. Helena
Vine & Rootstock:	Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc on 110R Rootstock
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Harvest Date:	October 31, 2005
Press Handling:	No press wine
Oak Regimen:	16 months in 90% French and 10% American barriques
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	15.3%
Total Case Production:	791 cases

### Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

The bouquet is intense with aromas of wild black raspberry, dark plum, and Rainier cherry followed up with vanilla and sweet tobacco. A lively blend of blackberry, jammy raspberry and black currant flavors are mingled with black pepper and baking spice. Sweet, chewy tannins are silky, full and rich adding a nice supple quality to this wine. A nicely balanced ripeness and fresh acidity helps make this wine a great complement to veal or beef dishes, lamb, pork loin or chops, and chicken dishes made with mushrooms. Pretty good with medium-strong cheeses, too!

### About the Name/Label

The wine is named after John Lewelling, a pioneer winegrower and horticulturist who put down roots in St. Helena in 1864. At 144 years, it is one of the oldest continuously-owned family vineyards in the Napa Valley. John Lewelling is also the great-grandfather of Janice Lewelling Wight, Dave & Doug Wight's Mom.

