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2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Mountain District

THE STORY

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its fifth vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon produced from the historic Diamond Mountain vineyards. Purchased in 1965, the vineyards were replanted to Bordeaux varietals beginning in 1994. This wine is named in honor of patriarch Jack L. Davies, who along with his wife Jamie, revived the Schramsberg property and established it as the preeminent American sparkling wine producer over four decades ago. J. Davies is the creation of today's Schramsberg winemakers, Hugh Davies and Sean Thompson. J. Davies is the product of an intimate knowledge of a place, and a passion to create a delicious red wine.

VINEYARDS

The vineyard blocks, totaling 42 acres, are laid out in three isolated pockets ranging from approximately 500 to 1000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally established in 1862 by Jacob Schram. The third piece is on the neighboring McEachran parcel, which was first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878 and was purchased by Schramsberg in 1985. These are the southernmost vineyards in the Diamond Mountain District AVA. Flanked by two cool creek canyons (Nash Creek to the north and Ritchie Creek to the south) and surrounded by dense coniferous and deciduous forests, the vines here produce late-ripening, richly concentrated fruit with average yields of just two tons per acre.

TASTING NOTES

Black cherry and bramble-berry combine with sweet tobacco, mulled spice, and cassia bark on the aromas. Rich volume, full extraction and substantial tannin are evident on the palate.

WINEMAKERS:	Hugh Davies, Sean Thompson
APPELLATION:	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley Estate grown, produced and bottled
VARIETAL COMPOSITION:	80% Cabernet Sauvignon 12% Malbec 8% Petite Verdot
HARVEST DATES:	October 7–November 16
BARREL AGING:	22 months in French oak: 78% new, 22% used
COOPERS:	Taransaud, Boutes, Vicard
BOTTLED:	September 17, 2007
PRODUCTION:	3,652 cases (6/750ml)
ALCOHOL:	14.6%
TA:	0.60g/100ml
pH:	3.80

