



2005 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vyd

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Rutherford, Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Review by Robert Parker

Wine Advocate # 180 (Dec 2008)

Rating: 94

Drink 2008 - 2023

Cost: \$275

The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard (which I reviewed in issue #174 without the "Helms" designation) has actually gotten better (as have many 2005 Cabernets which are now revealing more complexity). This was a cool year, and the aromatics include sweet, roasted tobacco, chocolate, black cherry, and black currant scents. Dark ruby/purple-colored, rich, and deep, this 2005 appears set for 10-15+ years of life. Proprietor Hi Sang Lee and his son, both from Seoul, Korea, have morphed this estate, previously part of the Livingston Vineyards, into three single vineyard wines, Helms Vineyard from Rutherford (500 cases), Lotus from St. Helena hillsides (225 cases) and approximately 100 cases of the Hershey Vineyard from Howell Mountain. Philippe Melka is the consulting winemaker, and beginning with the debut vintage in 2005, these are all impressive efforts. Tel. (707) 963-4365; Fax (707) 963-4975
