

STAGLIN

FAMILY VINEYARD

2005 STAGLIANO SANGIOVESE

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	March 1, 2007
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 28, 2005
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	10 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French
<i>Blend</i>	88% Sangiovese, 12% Merlot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.5%



Winemaker Tasting Notes

The 2005 vintage provided us with a cool and long growing season which allowed our Sangiovese to maintain its bright acidity while providing ample hang time for flavor and tannin development.

This complex wine begins with vibrant aromas of red cherry and strawberry followed by a bouquet of cedar, rosemary and green tea completed by earthy elements such as flint and dried shells. As the wine opens up, hints of caramel and sweet vanilla are revealed. Full-bodied, this wine offers up youthful tannins of great quality. A judicious addition of Cabernet Sauvignon, also from the Staglin Family Estate, heightens the backbone of tannins while enriching the mid palate mouth feel. The finish lingers with red cherry and strawberry with great length. Showing beautifully young, this wine will continue to open and gain complexity in the bottle for years to come.