



2005 Continuum

Wine Spectator

Score: 93

Release Price: \$130

Country: California

Region: Napa

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Complex and savory, graceful and elegant, this unfolds to reveal spicy herb, dried currant, mineral, anise, mint, sage and tarry notes, then firms up nicely on the finish, providing structure and traction. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Best from 2009 through 2016. 1,500 cases made. —*James Laube*

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- The 2005 Continuum (a 1,000-case blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest equal parts Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot) has changed very little from last year. The Cabernet Franc component is beginning to reveal more earthy, floral notes, but overall this remains a dense purple-colored 2005 with a big, sweet nose of black currants, subtle burning embers, and wood smoke. It is a full-bodied effort with terrific purity, and plenty of substance allied with elegance. Both vintages will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring, and both should age beautifully for 25-30+ years.

Tim Mondavi's new project continues to display exceptional promise. Kudos to Tim Mondavi for continuing the legacy of his family.

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There are just over 1,000 cases of Tim Mondavi's debut wine, a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest equal parts Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. This is the first wine Tim has produced since Constellation purchased the Robert Mondavi winery. An excellent beginning, this 2005 exhibits a dense ruby/purple color followed by a beautiful nose of lead pencil shavings intermixed with creme de cassis, subtle wood smoke, and hints of bay leaves as well as spring flowers. Full-bodied with lovely purity, nicely integrated wood, tannin, acidity, and alcohol, and a long finish reminiscent of a classic Bordeaux Pauillac, while accessible, it should age effortlessly for 15 or more years.

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