



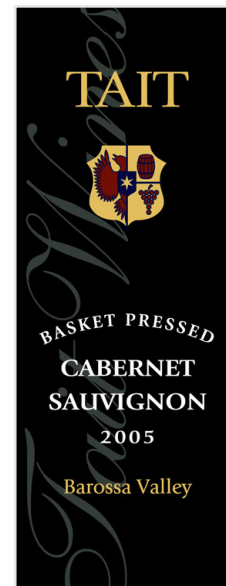
Tait

Basket Pressed Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

Suggested Retail: \$29.99

Wine Maker: Bruno Tait
Appellation: Barossa Valley
Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon
Yields per Acre: 2 t/acre
Cases Produced: 180
Filtration and fining: n/a
Wood treatment: Combination of new (10%) french and 1-2 year old American (80%) oak
Length of barrel maturation: 15 months.

Alcohol %: 15.9
Total Acid: 6.36
Free/Total Sulfur: 33/90
pH: 3.7
Residual Sugar: 3.9



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Viticultural Practices: All grapes are picked when physiologically ripe to obtain peak ripeness in terms of sugar and flavor. The grapes are de-stemmed into open fermenters, pH is adjusted and fermentation takes place over 7-10 days at a temperature of approx 24 degrees centigrade. Plunging and or pumping over takes place 3 times a day. The wine is then pressed using a Basket Press. Juice is then transferred to tank or Barrel to undergo Malo-lactic fermentation. Each batch is kept separate to determine on a year by year basis the quality of the fruit from that vineyard. All wine is raked and returned to barrel 2 to 3 times during the 12 moth period to ensure a clean wine that does not need any fining or filtration.

Wine Makers Notes: The grapes that make up the 2005 Basket Pressed Cabernet Sauvignon are sourced from a Tait's own vineyard located in the Barossa Valley. The vineyard is approx 80 years old, practically dry grown, hand pruned, on clay soils. The vineyard site is at the southern end of the Barossa Ranges. The vineyard site is visited twice a week during the maturing season to ensure that the fruit is maturing slowly and that water is only applied when necessary. Picking is only done when the grapes are physiologically ripe. Color – Deep Black Purple Nose – Array of spice notes supported by cherry, raspberry and chocolate aromas. Palate – Full bodied, well balanced with dark chocolate, raspberry and spicy oak characters with a long lasting finish.

Scores: 92 pts Robert Parker, Jr. The Wine Advocate #173 - Tait has been establishing a track record for hedonistically rendered wines at consumer friendly prices for several years. The opaque purple 2005 Basket Pressed Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from an 80-year-old estate vineyard yielding 2 tons per acre. The wine was aged for 15 months in new French oak (10%) and the balance in one- to two-year-old American oak and was bottled unfined and unfiltered. It offers up a brooding nose of toasty oak, vanilla, black cherry, black raspberry, and a hint of chocolate. This leads to a full-bodied, layered, ripe wine with multi-dimensional flavors and a long, pure finish. Give it 4-6 years to fully blossom and drink it through 2030.

91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar 2007 - Opaque purple. Captivating aromas of sexy blackberry, cherry and plum jam complicated by fresh and dried flowers and baking spices. Smooth and sweet, with vivid dark berry, tobacco and bitter chocolate flavors. Silky tannins add focus to the long, spicy finish