

# Wine&Spirits

## **98 POINTS - Diamond Creek 2005 Diamond Mountain District Napa Valley Red Rock Terrace Cabernet Sauvignon**

A California beauty, this wine is driven by fruit from the moment it's first poured, supercharged with energy that only seems to increase over the course of several days. Mouthwatering plum, cool earth, saturated layers of fig, eucalyptus and spice, all delicious and all incidental to the power that courses through the wine. Grown in soil reddened by iron oxide, the tannins have that ferrous character of wild mushrooms flash roasted in an iron skillet. That warm, earthen character contrasts with the foresty tone of the wine, as cool as the manzanita grove just up the creek. All three of the Diamond Creek wines in 2005 draw their complexity directly from their varied soils and expositions, with fruit ripened to a dynamic, natural balance. The tension between fruit and earth in Red Rock Terrace is particularly awesome on release.

(430 cases) Diamond Creek Vineyards, Calistoga, CA