



## ***2005 Blankiet Estate, Cabernet Sauvignon, Paradise Hills Vineyard***

Review by Robert Parker

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Rating: (96-98)

Perhaps the finest wine yet made at Blankiet is the spectacular 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Paradise Hills Vineyard. Made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2005 combines the extraordinary power of this site with unbelievable elegance and definition. It exhibits a deep ruby/purple hue in addition to abundant aromas of smoky oak, blackberries, cassis, scorched earth, and coffee. This powerful, rich, super-pure, deep Cabernet's finish lasts 45-50 seconds. The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Paradise Hills Vineyard (1,200 cases) reveals a chocolaty espresso roast note with mocha, blackberry and cassis, high tannins, but full body, superb concentration, purity, and an almost Graves-like scorched earth character. This wine needs 3-4 years of bottle age, and should last 25-30 years.

They don't sell it, but for those on the mailing list or visitors, do check out their brilliant 2006 Rose, made by bleeding some of their tanks. It is really one of the best roses I have ever tasted, and it's a shame one can't buy it.