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93 + points

Blankiet Estate 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon
Paradise Hills Vineyard
Yountville, Napa Valley, United States
Drinking window: 2018 - 2026

Stephen Tanzer – Re-tasted April 2015

Deep ruby-red. Distinctly cooler on the nose than the 2004, offering scented aromas of blackberry, violet, bitter chocolate, tobacco and wild herbs, along with a hint of hay and a citrus high note. Surprisingly dense and creamy on entry, then firm acidity and underlying minerality give shape to the rather wild flavors of black fruits, herbs and violet. Can't match the opulence or depth of the 2004 but this initially slightly rigid wine opened nicely with air. Made from a large crop; Michel Rolland was responsible for the final blend. --