

DUTCH HENRY

2005 Napa Valley Argos



- WINERY:** One of the best secrets in the Napa valley, this small family-owned and operated winery is located on the original Silverado Trail in Calistoga and established in 1992. The winery is owned and operated by the Chafen family who has farmed in the northern valley for over 26 years. Specializing in small lots of single vineyard wines, they have quietly earned a reputation for quality and passion in winemaking, and an easy-going approach to sharing their story with visitors. Carefully hand-crafted by owner-winemaker Scott Chafen, the winery produces approximately 6,000 cases annually with an emphasis on its hillside Napa Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. Other varietals produced include Zinfandel, Syrah, Argos (a blend of Bordeaux varietals), Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Rose, Chardonnay, and an estate extra virgin olive oil. Both the onsite Syrah vineyard and olive orchard are CCOF (California Certified Organically Grown).
- NAME:** Argos is named after the Homeric canine companion of Odysseus.
- DESCRIPTION:** This is a complex wine that has been described as having "Blackberry, chocolate, dried herb and earth flavors" with "brawny depth and solid tannic structure, which carries through a tart firm finish." How about a leg of lamb with some roasted herbed potatoes?
- SOURCE:** 100% Napa Valley Hillside
Cabernet Franc - Yountville
Merlot - Yountville
Cabernet Sauvignon - St. Helena (estate)
- BLEND:** Cabernet Sauvignon - 27%, Merlot - 33%, and Cabernet Franc - 40%.
- COOPERAGE:** 18 months in oak barrels, approximately 25% new French oak.
- HARVEST:** September 20th and 28th and October 16th 2005
- BOTTLED:** July 21st, 2007
- PRODUCTION:** 525 cases
- ANALYSIS:** Alcohol 15.2% by volume, pH 3.7

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