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Michael Austin Wines

2005 MICHAEL AUSTIN BAD HABIT
PRIEST RANCH



Michael Austin grew up in a monastery on the outskirts of France. He was raised by a pack of wild nuns who taught him how to live on a strict diet of wine, cheese and real estate investments. Today, he is religious about only one thing - making great wine.

Vintage: 2005
Varietal
Production: **Composition:** 50% Petite Sirah, 45% Syrah, 5% Grenache
465 cases
Vineyard: Priest Ranch
Blocks: Block #90 (PS) 900' elevation, 0.8 acres, 3.5 tons/acre
Block #63 (PS) 2100' elevation, 0.4 acres, 3.5 tons/acre
Block #69 (S) 2100' elevation, 5 acres, 2.2 tons/acre
Block #64 (Grenache) 2100' elevation, 0.4 acres, 3 tons/acre
Oak: 10% new, 50% used once, 40% used twice, 100% French.
Fermentation: All lots were fermented separately in small tanks and blended once fermentations (native) were complete. Unfiltered.

Notes: In 1869, Joshua James Priest gained title to 740 acres of the original 8000 acre Catacula land grant. Located East of Lake Henessy on the borders of Pope and Chiles Valley, the modern day Priest Ranch is a 1670 acre parcel with planted elevations ranging from 900' to 2100'. 175 acres are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Syrah, and Grenache. Current winery clients include David Ramey, Orin Swift, Duckhorn, Heidi Barrett and Michael Austin.