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ANDREW LANE WINES RELEASES URBAN GRACE WITH 2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Emeryville, CA – Renowned for its flagship Napa Gamay, Andrew Lane Wines announces the release of its 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, a layered beauty sourced from premium grapes all over Napa Valley. This is Holy Grail fruit, and comes together like a beguiling symphony. It's grace in a glass.

The Dickson family has been crafting limited-production wines of distinction from the renowned region for 30 years. This Cabernet stands up to that tradition. Complex and structured yet elegant, this fruit-forward wine is garnet in the glass and displays beguiling aromatics: cedar, smoke and blackberry courtesy of Lodi Petit Verdot and Oakville hillside Franc. In the mouth, dark, ripe cherries mingle with milk chocolate and a mile-long mocha finish. The tannins are soft as pillows. The mouth feel is velvet.

That romantic spirit is alive in Andrew Lane's dedicated winemaking process. The Dicksons haul tons of prized Napa Valley grapes to their urban winery over Highway 80 mere hours after they were picked off the vines in St. Helena. Among the meandering interstate roadways, these bright bins of purple love bring the farm to market, and the dirt to the city, where it belongs. And, with this wine, Andrew Lane proves there's no need to bow at the altar of \$200 Cabernet Sauvignon. Here, quality and finesse are accessible.

Located in an old WWII submarine repair facility near Oakland, the wines of Andrew Lane are made to be enjoyed beyond restaurant lists and wine country scenery. If wine is of the earth and brings people together, it belongs in the far more diverse urban landscape, where such philosophies inspire religious-like movements – not wine country casual. Second-generation vintners Andrew and Lane Dickson grew up with wine as a catalyst for discussion and friendship at the family dinner table. They hope their wines do the same for you.

**Winemaking Notes:** Hang time in 2005 was the longest on record for many in Napa and led to the complex flavors and impressive structure of this Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine is a blend of 51 percent Pope Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, 26 percent St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon and 13 percent St. Helena Merlot, 4.7 percent Oakville hillside Cabernet Franc, and 4.7 percent Lodi Petit Verdot. It was aged in new French oak. Production is 480 cases. The wine retails for \$28.

**About Andrew Lane Wines:** Andrew Lane is a small, sustainable, family-run winery that began in St. Helena, CA. With their move to Emeryville in 2005, the Dickson family now celebrates the progressive nature of the urban wine experience as a member of the thriving East Bay Vintners Alliance. Andrew Lane draws fruit from some of the finest vineyards in the Napa Valley, specializing in an Oakville-hillside Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gamay Noir, Petite Sirah and Merlot. The winery was founded by David Dickson in 1978 and named after his two sons, Andrew and Lane. For more information, visit [www.andrewlanewines.com](http://www.andrewlanewines.com).

