

**Falcone Family Vineyards****2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Mia's Vineyard
(Paso Robles)**

John and Helen Falcone left higher profile positions in Napa Valley in order to team up as winemaker and enologist respectively at Rusack Vineyards in Santa Barbara County. One of the perks of being on the Central Coast is the availability of less expensive vineyard land. With their own small production label in mind, Falcone Family Vineyards, they acquired a property they call Mia's Vineyard, named after their daughter.

A rich nose of smoke, plum, cassis and dark currants comes through on the nose of their 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon. That aromatic beginning is everything I expect from a Cabernet and (I hope) is a preview of the flavors to come. More plum and cassis on the palate as well as dark, black cherry and a hint of blackberry and (I swear, I detect) just a tinge of raspberry on the finish. The oak is supporting; the wine has seemingly just soaked it all up and integrated it into the fruit. Still, this young Cab is rather tightly wound at this point; decanting for an hour before serving will really bring out all its nuances.

Reviewed May 22, 2007 by [Dennis Schaefer](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Falcone Family Vineyards](#)

Vineyard: Mia's Vineyard

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: [Paso Robles](#)

Grape: [Cabernet Sauvignon](#)

Price: \$28.00

THE REVIEWER**Dennis Schaefer**

Dennis Schaefer has been tasting and writing about wine for over 30 years, propelled by a continuing curiosity and burgeoning enthusiasm for discovering what's in the bottle. Blessed with catholic tastes, he enjoys everything from the obvious to the sublime. A

major requirement is that the vineyard, winery and winemaker consistently perform well and fulfill their potential. Balance, concentration and complexity are key to the tasting experience but, in the end, the purpose of wine is simply to give pleasure.