



2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

ORIGIN: The grapes for our third limited edition Cabernet Sauvignon came from the Bennett Vineyard, which is located in the Coombsville area. Nestled in the green rolling hills east of the town of Napa, at the southern end of Napa Valley, this area is exposed to cooling bay breezes most summer afternoons, and produces Cabernet of great distinction.

VINEYARD NOTES: Cabernet, which pushes late and has loosely packed clusters of thick-skinned berries, suffered no ill effects whatsoever from the 2006 vintage's twin nemeses, Spring frost and Autumn rain. In fact, the periods of heat that came in between resulted in especially rich and concentrated flavors in this variety. The yield was quite low at this ranch as usual. The grapes were harvested by hand on September 24, 2006.

WINEMAKING NOTES: The fruit was gently destemmed, leaving many uncrushed berries, and fermented in a small closed-top tank. The fermentor was pumped over twice daily for extraction, and the must pressed when dry. The wine was aged in four French oak barrels, half of which were new, for sixteen months, and bottled on March 10, 2008.

TASTING NOTES: Very dark garnet in color, bordering on black. The nose is classic Napa Cabernet, with currant, cedar, and dusty blackberry. Very rich and full-flavored, intense, with ripe elderberry, dark chocolate, and hints of spice. Long, velvety finish.

This vintage produced 96 (750ml) cases.

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