



2006 Merlot

Napa Valley



The 2006 Merlot comes through with a fine measure of plump, black-cherry fruit and highlights of dark chocolate that bring an added dimension of richness. Its youthful coarseness will diminish with age, and it deserves a few years of rest before its cork is pulled. A balanced, good depth, medium tannin Merlot good with beef and lamb. Cellar for future drinking. Wine will improve with bottle aging.

The 2006 wonderfully long growing season presented magnificent hang time for the fruit to develop complex, concentrated flavors highlighting 2006 as a very vibrant year. Tight tannins lend the notion that wines from 2006 should be long-lived. The cool growing season has held high acids, which now are coming into balance.

AWARDS AND RATINGS:

Wine Enthusiast 89 Points

Connoisseur's Guide One Puff, 87 Points

Robert Parker 87 Points

VINTAGE STATISTICS:

BLEND	100% Merlot
HARVEST DATE	September 15th, 2006
BOTTLING	February 26, 2008
AGING	17 months in French Oak
ALCOHOL	15.1% Unfiltered
PRODUCTION	376 cases
RELEASE DATE	January, 2009