



2006 Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

This site, just south of Stags Leap, has a unique microclimate which produces distinctive wines that are always standouts in blind tastings. Another home run from ROY Estate, and it is even a notch above its predecessor. When you uncork the wine, the room fills with aromas of dried herbs, bay leaf, wet earth, blueberry, violet and chocolate. This 93% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Petit Verdot blend delivers a mouth feel that is soft and delicate with a velvety texture combined with incredible integrated tannins. Freshness, light on its feet for a big wine, and seductive with a soft finish that goes on and on, are thoughts that come to my mind. JUNE '09
For optimum enjoyment of this wine, please decant and serve at about 64 °F.

VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot
Appellation: Napa Valley (nestled in Soda Canyon just south of Stags Leap District)
Blend: 100% Roy Estate 93% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Petit Verdot
Harvested: October 2, 2006 – October 18, 2006

VINIFICATION

Concrete Tanks / open top fermenters
Maceration Time: 24 days
Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermented

BARREL AGE

25 months in new French oak
No fining / No filtration

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.2% TA: 5.7 g/l pH: 3.89

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

BOTTLED

December 4, 2008

PRODUCTION

440 cases



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A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: **92 points**

Source: Wine Advocate #180 (Dec. 2008)

From a cool terroir, the 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon (93% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Petit Verdot) reveals notions of bay leaf, chocolate, creamy oak, earth, and red fruits along with soft tannins and medium to full body. It should drink well for 15+ years. This 17-acre Soda Canyon site originally planted by Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer has tight 3 x 6 spacing, and produces two wines, a Cabernet Sauvignon and an estate proprietary blend. Proprietors Shirley and Charles Roy have demonstrated courage as well as passion in attempting to craft some of the finest wines to emerge from this area of Napa. Winemaker Philippe Melka brings a French savoir-faire to Napa Valley's gorgeous fruit.