



2006 Proprietary Red Wine

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

The 2006 Proprietary Red Wine reveals aromas of dried herbs, espresso beans and chocolate. The initial push of ripe currant, black cherry, blackberry, and mocha laced oak illustrates its depth and complexity. This uniquely elegant wine is muscular, yet seductive, intense and concentrated, yet sleek and vibrant. The combination of relatively low alcohol and round tannins make this wine delicious.

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For optimum enjoyment of this wine, please decant and serve at about 64 °F.

VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot

Appellation: Napa Valley (nestled in Soda Canyon just south of Stags Leap District)

Blend: 100% Roy Estate 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

Harvested: September 27, 2006-October 26, 2006

VINIFICATION

Concrete tanks / open top fermenters

Maceration Time: 14-28 days

Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermented

BARREL AGE

18 months in new French oak

No fining/No filtration

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.2% TA: 5.3 g/l pH: 3.89

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

BOTTLED

May 15, 2008

PRODUCTION

1,020 cases

2006 ROY Estate Proprietary Red Wine

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California

Rating: **94** points

Drink: 2015-2040

Source: Wine Advocate #180 (Dec. 2008)

Roy's biggest production wine is their proprietary blend. The 2006 Proprietary Red is composed of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, and 3% Petit Verdot. It possesses elegant, roasted herb, chocolate, espresso, and black currant aromas, delicious fruit, and a long, muscular, concentrated personality. Obviously built for the long haul, it is approachable, but should hit its peak in 7-8 years, and last for 20-25. 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.

—Robert Parker



ROY Estate receives highest rating from **wine guide 2010** by **FOOD & WINE**

ROY Estate's 2006 Proprietary Red blend was among just four other (Bond, Harlan, Insignia & Pahlmeyer) Napa Bordeaux style wines to receive the highest rating of 4 stars.

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★★★★ Philippe, Melka, a terroir-obsessed Bordeaux native, has composed a wine that expresses both Old World elegance and New World concentration. Aromas of red and black currants cocoa & pepper give way to a palate of dark fruit, earth & oak.

—Anthony Giglio

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