

2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
COMPOSITION:	85% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Cabernet Franc 5% Merlot 4% Petit Verdot
FERMENTATION:	closed top tanks with pumpovers; 30 days with skin contact
AGING:	17 months in French oak barrels, 25% new barrels
ACID:	5.9 g/L pH: 3.6
ALCOHOL:	13.5%
SOIL TYPE:	gravelly clay loams
AGE OF VINES:	8-25 years
HARVESTED:	September 16 - October 19, 2006
BOTTLING:	June/July 2008
PRODUCTION:	36,000 cases produced
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$32 per bottle
RELEASE DATE:	April 2009

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Clos Du Val has created world-class Cabernet Sauvignon since 1972, and this latest vintage continues the winery's tradition of balanced, elegant and complex wines made to enjoy with a meal. Deep purple-black in color, the 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of black currant, cassis and spice. Intense flavors of black fruit, dried herbs and a hint of spice fill the mouth. The wine has a powerful, solid middle and a chalky, lingering finish. Expect this Cabernet Sauvignon to age gracefully for an additional 5-10 years.

HARVEST

2006 was another year of unusually high rainfall, with some late rains similar to those we saw in the previous year. Spring was relatively cool and bud break occurred a month later than the previous year. Summer temperatures were fairly mild, despite a brief heat spike in May and a more intense one in July. Harvest, which started in mid-September and lasted through the end of October, was marked by perfect weather. The end result is another excellent Clos Du Val vintage of concentrated, flavorful wines.

HISTORY

French born winemaker Bernard Portet and American businessman John Goelet founded Clos Du Val in 1972. After traveling the world for two years in search of wine growing regions of great potential, Portet selected two sites in the Napa Valley—130 acres in the Stags Leap District for growing Bordeaux varietals and 180 acres in the cooler Carneros region to launch Clos Du Val's Pinot Noir and Chardonnay program. Today, winemaker John Clews joins Portet in delivering our classic, elegant style of wines, as Clos Du Val has consistently expressed for more than thirty years.

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