



Grasso Napa Valley

2006 Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon

Release Notes

VINEYARD

Appellation:	Napa Valley.
Property:	The Grasso's designated Olive Ridge Vineyard is located on their Napa Valley Estate Compound, in the Coombsville area, east of the City of Napa.
Clones:	The vines are planted on 1103P, clone 7 on the slopes and 5C, clone 7 in the flats.
Vine Age:	12-15 years.
Trellis:	We utilize a GDC quadrilateral trellis system with the row direction planted north/south to take advantage of east/west sun.
Site:	The soil is a rocky/cobbly alluvial normally found in hillside vineyards.
Farming:	The vineyard is never tilled but mowed to prevent erosion. Canopy management is constantly worked throughout the growing season. Total yield in the vineyard is limited to 2.9 to 3.5 tons per acre.

HARVEST

Date:	Hand harvested on October 16, 2006
Brix:	24.6 ° at harvest
Season:	The 2006 growing season began with a cool, wet spring, which delayed bud break a few weeks. With the arrival of sunshine and warmth in June, the vines began to bloom and set fruit. A brief, beneficial heat wave in early July allowed the fruit to "catch up" without doing any damage. The remainder of the summer offered mild, seasonal weather all the way up to harvest, resulting in even ripening.

WINEMAKING

- 3 days cold soaked.
- Combination Punch Down and Pump Over 3 times daily.
- Total Skin maceration time 23 days.
- Barrel aged for 19 months in 68% new tight-grained French and Hungarian oak from Demptos, Gamba and Seguin Moreau. Un-fined and un-filtered.
- Bottled on June 25, 2008. 448 cases made.

RELEASE TASTING NOTES

- This aroma profile is darker and richer than the 2005, with complex layers of cassis, blackberry, baker's chocolate, caramel, boysenberry, maple syrup and bay leaf. Palate flavors mirror wild berries, cassis, dark chocolate and caramelized French oak. Expect to find big and rich mouth-coating tannins, balanced acidity, and a velvety textured lengthy finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

- ABV: 14.5% - RS: Dry - PH: 3.80 - TA: 0.52
- 100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon.

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