



## 2006 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

### Philosophy

*Since our pioneering effort planting Cabernet Sauvignon in 1974, the Sierra Vista Cabernet Sauvignons have been known for exceptional richness and intense fruit. Ripe black-cherry fruit character is the result of leaf pulling and hedging to open the vines. A rigorous program of mildew control is always necessary to keep the Cabernet Sauvignon clean at our high elevation. Twenty months in 50% new French oak barrels adds complexity to the 100% Cal*

### Vineyard Source

*Planted in 1982, these vines are on a volcanic based West facing slope. There are two blocks, one is trellis bilateral cordons and the other is quadrilateral. The contiguous to one another but due to the trellising, they ripen at different times. The fruit quality from these vines is traditional Cabernet Sauvignon character.*



### 2006 Vintage

*The weather in the spring, summer and fall was ideal for grapes. Mild weather at bloom produced a good-sized crop. This was followed by a long cool summer, allowing the grapes to hang on the vine for an increased amount of time. It was a dry fall, always appreciated by winemakers. Each varietal ripened one at a time, an unusual event for grapes, but this allowed us to pick each one at the optimum ripeness.*

### Tasting Notes

*This complex Cabernet Sauvignon has numerous layers which appear in the aromas and taste. Initially, an intense burst of black cherry, plum, blackberry, and other dark berries dominates the aromas. In the mouth, this wine demonstrates a delicious, yet smooth mouthfeel that leads to a very long lasting finish. The taste reminds one of blackberry with hints of cassis and oak. Sierra Vista Cabs have shown to age well for more than 15 years but are really great from the start but change and develop new nuances as time goes by. When young this wine is great with red meats and Indian curry and other spicy food. As the wine ages it calls for prime rib and good cheese.*

Harvest date	October 6 & 7
Sugar at Harvest	24.2° Brix
Time in Oak	20 months
Bottling Date	March 2008
Cases Produced	125
Alcohol	13.9 %

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