



2006

MEANDER Cabernet Sauvignon
Morisoi Vineyard - Rutherford

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETAL:
100% Cabernet
Sauvignon

VINEYARDS:
100% Morisoli Vineyard
Rutherford

*This vineyard has been family
farmed for generations and is
prized by many of Napa's
most respected winemakers.*

BARREL PROGRAM:
100% New French Oak
(Nadalie Colbert)

HARVEST:
October 17, 2006

BOTTLING:
April 7, 2008
40 cases produced

ANALYSIS:
TA: 5.5 g/L
PH: 3.85
ALC: 14.7%

PHILOSOPHY

My love affair with Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon started in the late 1980s when I began my winemaking career at Joseph Phelps Vineyards. It was there that I cut my teeth on the king of grapes and became intimate with some of Napa Valley's finest sites. In 2000 I decided it was time to fashion my own wine from vineyards that I believed offered superior aromatics, flavors, textures and character. I named this new baby Meander, not just as a play on words, but also as a combination of Mitchell and Andrew, the names of my two sons.

~ Amy Aiken, Winemaker/Proprietor

WINEMAKING

Early morning harvest ensures cool fruit at the sorting table where clusters are hand sorted followed by destemming and gentle crushing. Delivered to tanks, the grapes are then cold soaked for five days prior to inoculation for fermentation. Daily punchdowns are supplemented with pumpovers during fermentation to extract maximum flavor and color. The wine is gently pressed and barreled down for malolactic fermentation. Aged in 100% new Nadalie Colbert French Oak barrels for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

Morisoli Vineyard in Rutherford consistently produces a deep and expressive Cabernet Sauvignon rich in "Rutherford Dust" qualities. The 2006 Meander Morisoli Vineyard has a strong sense of terroir, showcasing ripe black fruits, licorice characters and a classic mineral quality. The aromatics are laced with intense currant, espresso and licorice notes. The finish is long and smooth with well resolved tannins.

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