



2006
MEANDER Cabernet Sauvignon
Napa Valley

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETAL:

100% Cabernet
Sauvignon

VINEYARDS:

50% Morisoli Vineyards
Rutherford
50% Lewelling Vineyards
St. Helena

*Both of these vineyards have
been family farmed for
generations and are prized by
many of Napa's most
respected winemakers.*

BARREL PROGRAM:

100% French Oak
65% New
(Nadalie, Sylvain, Seguin
Moreau)

HARVEST:

October 16-17, 2006

BOTTLING:

April 7, 2008
570 cases produced

ANALYSIS:

TA: 5.5 g/L
PH: 3.85
ALC: 14.6%

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/Owner

WINEMAKING

Early morning harvest ensures cool fruit at the sorting table. Once the clusters are hand sorted they are destemmed and then gently crushed. Next, the grapes are 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% French Oak, 65% of which is new, for 22 months. Primary Coopers are Nadalie, Seguin Moreau and Sylvain.

TASTING NOTES

Dark color, dense fruit and a strong backbone portend a long life for the 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon. It delivers strong aromatics and intense flavors of black cherry, cola and cocoa. Bold and youthful, with well integrated, approachable tannins, this 2006 Cab will benefit from a few years in the bottle.

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