

DUCKHORN VINEYARDS



NAPA VALLEY

2006 Napa Valley Merlot Estate Grown

2006 Harvest Notes

The 2006 growing season was marked by a very mild summer with a mid-July heat spike that accelerated ripening. Mild temperatures continued throughout the fall allowing for a moderately paced harvest. The long growing season brought complex and intense flavor and aroma development.

Comments from the Winemaker

This full-bodied, mouthfilling Merlot brings together grapes from five Estate vineyards to create a robust, layered wine, notable for its fruit intensity, soft, integrated tannins and bright acidity. Crafted around a core of grapes from our Rector Creek Vineyard, it displays beautiful blueberry and floral notes underscored by fresh red berry and pomegranate elements from Monitor Ledge. Our Stout and Patzimaro vineyards add depth, complexity and subtle hints of wild herbs, while our Cork Tree Vineyard contributes a velvety mid-palate and touches of plum and spice.

Varietal Content

86% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: September 14 – October 31, 2006

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.7° Brix

5 Estate Vineyards (Monitor Ledge, Rector Creek, Patzimaro, Stout and Cork Tree)

Cooperage

100% French Oak, Chateau-Style Barrels (60 gallons)

Barrel Aging: 18 Months

Age of Barrels: 100% New

Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

Titrateable Acidity: 0.65 g/100ml

pH: 3.29

Bottled: July 2008

Released: April 2009