

# 2006 Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon "Lyric of the Vine"

Vineyard: 100% Bingham Ranch, Napa Valley

**Composition:** 96% Cabernet Sauvignon

4 % Merlot

**Harvest Date:** Oct 27 ~ Nov 4, 2006 **Sugar at Harvest:** 25.2 Degrees Brix

**Total Acid:** .69 gm/cl **ph:** 3.37

**Fermentation:** Hand picked, 5 days cold soak at 50 degrees,

pumped over 3 times a day, fermentation temp. to 90 degrees, extended maceration for 20 days,

D-80 and Monte Rosso yeast.

**Aging:** 36 months in 100% French Oak from 10

different French Coopers; Vicard, Seguin Moreau, Ermitage, Boutes, Jarnac, Bel Air, St. Martin, Billon, Trieul, and Chalufour, 100%

new oak.

**Bottling Date:** February 2009 **Release Date:** April 2011

**Production** 600 750ml Cases and 200 cases 375ml

Aged 3 years in all brand new French oak and another two years bottle age before being released

### Vinevard

**Bingham Ranch**.- One of the oldest cabernet vineyards in the Napa Valley, dating back to 1850s. The Cabernet vines –a small berry clone - produce a very low yield of intensely flavored fruit with a rich, dark blackberry profile that makes intensely structured cabernet sauvignon.

## **Winemaker's Comments**

This 2006 R&B Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is an extraordinary wine with remarkable depth and complexity. It exhibits a huge core of dark black cherry fruit with elements of dark black currant, tea, blackberry and violets in the bouquet. The small addition of Merlot enhances the mouth-feel, adds complexity, and a touch of sweet cherries. The flavors of dark black berry, currants, chocolate, and cassis are evident, with a huge juicy blackberry finish. This wine is a classic Cabernet Sauvignon with all of the exotic spice and layers of fruit you would expect from a Reserve wine. -Kevin

#### Reviews

"Aromas of mature blackberry, black cherry, plum and currant, with tea, chocolate and oak. If you enjoy aged cabs, this wine's for you. Still maintaining it's dark fruit core, this cab is nicely balanced, well-structured, and lingers on the palate in the beautiful smooth finish." 90 Points – Just Wine Points

"The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is a fine example of a Napa Valley Cabernet...the aromas of black cherry, blackberry, floral bouquet, tea and plum immediately grab you and pull you in...the flavors of blackberry, cherry, semi-sweet chocolate, currants and jammy dark fruits dance in the mouth...reserved spice towards the back of the palate...leaving you with a lingering finish and an empty bottle very quickly! This is a wine you can hold onto for years, but it is drinking wonderfully now."

93 Points - Midwest Wine Guy

## AWARDS:

TasteTV's 2012 People's Choice Award
San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition – Gold Medal
Tasters Guild International Wine Competition – Gold Medal
FL State Fair Wine Competition – Gold Medal
Critics Challenge International Wine Competition – Gold Medal
90 Points – Just Wine Points