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STEWART 2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Appellation: Napa Valley

Production: 1125 cases produced

Vineyard Source: Stagecoach (45%), Beckstoffer IV (29%), State Lane (26%)

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Barrels: 70% new French oak, 30% 1-year-old French oak

Consulting Winemaker: Paul Hobbs

WINEMAKING

The grapes for this wine were farmed and picked on a row-by-row basis to ensure optimal ripeness. The fruit was then hand sorted and whole berry fermented in small lots. Aged in barrel for 22 months, this wine was neither fined nor filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This is a firm, fleshy and dense Cabernet Sauvignon, with all the texture and complexity you look for in a young Napa Valley wine. It is nearly opaque purple-ruby in color with initially closed aromas, hinting at the brooding dark notes to come. The nose opens to blackberry, black cherry and subtle pencil box aromas from very high quality French oak barrels. In the mouth the wine starts fat, fleshy and dense with French oak well integrated into the ripe grapiness. Flavors of blackberries, chocolate, coffee and hints of dark caramel are layered until the end of the long finish. The black fruit and barrel spice are balanced with proper hints of varietal sauvignon herbs. Tannins are very fine, firm but not gripping, enveloped in the fat, dense mouthfeel and only needing time to soften.

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