

# 2006 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



# NOBLE

**BLEND:** Cabernet Sauvignon (95%), Petite Sirah (5%)  
**AGING TIME:** 32 Months in 80% French Oak Barrels (50% new)  
**MACERATION:** 14 Days  
**CASES PRODUCED:** 363  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.8%  
**RETAIL:** \$80 750ml, \$160 1.5L Magnum  
**WINEMAKER:** David Lattin

## TASTING NOTES

This wine exhibits an opaque purple color and a sweet, ripe, olive, chocolate, slightly smoky cassis-scented nose. The quality of the fruit is even more expressive on the palate as black cherry, jammy black currant, plum and a hint of prune seemingly integrates the stony and mineral components of the wine. Full-bodied with some expressive but soft tannins, this powerful Cabernet Sauvignon will definitely benefit from decanting a few hours before enjoying. Will age 20-25 years without a doubt.

## VINEYARDS

The fruit comes mostly from the hillside of Atlas Peak (63%), where the soil is volcanic and very porous, which allows it to cool down quickly despite the increased sunlight. The area has a fairly significant diurnal temperature variation upwards of 30 degrees F between daytime and night. The contributes to the balance of acidity that grapes from this area are known for. The remaining Pritchard Hill fruit (32%), contributes a prominent and consistent character to moderately paced and deliberate ripening and long harvest period. The remaining 5% is Petite Sirah which helps round out the blend's structure.

## VINTAGE NOTES

Mid-July presented a record-setting 10-day heat wave, but the canopy had not yet been thinned because of a delayed season and young clusters were shaded from the hot sun. Somewhat cooler weather arrived in August and continued through harvest, allowing for moderately paced and deliberate ripening and a long harvest period.

