



Louis M. Martini® 2006 Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon

Description

The 2006 Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon was crafted from several of Sonoma County's most prestigious appellations and blended seamlessly to bring together the unique characteristics of each, creating a superbly balanced Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine offers many layers, featuring aromas and flavors of red cherry, blackberry and fresh sage with an underlying dry creek dustiness. Subtle herbal notes are complemented by additional layers of chocolate and vanilla, resulting in a complex, yet easy drinking, wine.

Viticulture Notes

The 2006 growing season began with a very wet winter that lasted through bloom, followed by mild weather up to mid-July. The second part of July saw very warm weather, but the cooling coastal fog rolled back in to the area and brought relief. The ripening period of August thru September was ideal, with moderate temperatures and plenty of sun to gently ripen the fruit. Harvest began in mid-September and was completed by mid-October. Overall, the 2006 vintage was one of the best in many years, with sound, ripe fruit of excellent quality.

Winemaking Notes

The grapes were harvested at optimal ripeness during September and October, then de-stemmed but not crushed upon arrival at the winery, leaving 20% - 30% whole berries in the fermentor. This process retains the grape's varietal character and minimizes bitter tannin extraction in the wine. Extended skin contact occurred for an average of 6–8 days for maximum extraction of color and flavor. A variety of yeast strains were used to ensure the development of desired flavor and aroma characteristics and 100% of the wine completed malolactic fermentation.

Varietal Content: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Merlot, 1% Tannat

Varietal Origin: Sonoma County

Titrateable Acidity: 0.61 g/100 ml

pH: 3.76

Alcohol Level: 13.6%

Residual Sugar: 0.35 g/100 ml

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