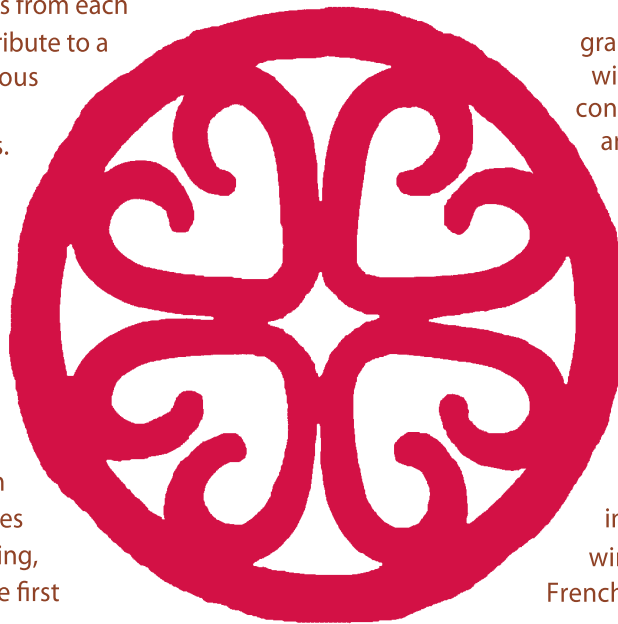


Variety spices up our 2006 vintage with grapes from vineyards throughout Napa Valley including Howell Mountain, Soda Canyon, Rutherford, Napa trailside vineyards and Oakville. Unique attributes from each vineyard contribute to a wine with numerous layers of fruit and textural characteristics.

Vintage 2006 Napa Valley started with a flood. Friends met friends in the sand bag lines scattered throughout the valley New Years' Eve. A new lake appeared in Yountville that included stranded cars and a fire truck. No one was safe from the flowing waters. Yet, as the vines slept, the waters receded and spring, although a little late, brought the first buds of the new vintage. Warm summer days pushed grapes to catch up to a normal schedule. A cool August and September helped with hang time. Harvest was slow and easy. Everyone enjoyed this unusually relaxed pace.

Winemaker Alex Cose, as usual, received calls late into harvest with folks looking to sell.



# AVALON

NAPA VALLEY

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINTAGE 2006

Composition: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
12% Merlot, 4% Syrah

Stats: Alc. 13.8%, ph 3.82, TA 7.5

grapes. Similar to most wineries, we have grape contracts to protect quality and quantity. Every harvest brings new possibilities, sometimes for a single year sometimes longer. Alex may pick up several new sources every year. In 2006 he picked grapes from over 30 vineyards.

After a gentle breaking of the skins, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel for two weeks. The wine then aged for over 16 months in French and American oak before bottling.

Deep crimson colored, our 2006 exhibits aromas of blackberry, Bing cherries, cassis and anise with smoke, vanilla pie crust and cloves notes from oak aging. This aging additionally adds breadth and depth on the palate.

This supple and easy drinking wine showcases its Napa heritage.

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