



2006 Merlot Reserve *Napa Valley*

Varietal:	75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Barrel Aging:	36 Months, French Oak
Bottle Size:	750ml
Alcohol:	13.9%
Production:	420 cases
Winemaker:	Gary Galleron



Tasting Notes

75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2006 Reserve Merlot is a Cab Lovers Merlot. Lavender and ripe cherry components are evident in the nose with flavors of spice and chocolate lingering long and gracefully on the palate. We felt that the Cabernet Sauvignon really improved the structure of this wine as it has the perfect balance of fruit, tannins, and acidity. We anticipate it to age nicely over the next 10 to 12 years. Pair with any hearty BBQ dishes.

Winemaking

The fruit was carefully selected from the finest vineyards in the Napa Valley, fermented in open bin half ton fermenters, and hand punched-down four times daily. The wine was aged in French oak for 36 months to soften the tannic structure, add cream and vanilla notes, and ensure well integrated flavors.