

Frank Family Vineyards

2006 Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon



WINERY:

Located on Larkmead Lane just South of Calistoga, this winery was originally built in the 1800's. Formerly the Hans Kornel Winery that focused on Champagne, it is now owned by Richard Frank and primarily producing distinctive Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. The fruit for the Rutherford Reserve comes from the Winston Hill vineyard, located on the east side of the Napa Valley Rutherford along the Vaca Mountain range. The terraced wine rows have southwest exposure and consist of well-drained volcanic and sandstone soils that rise nearly 500 feet from the valley floor.

DESCRIPTION:

The 2006 Rutherford Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a deep inky purple color. The aromas are abundant; leading with juicy ripe boysenberries, blackcurrant tea leaves and toasted macaroons dipped in dark chocolate. Further richness emerges as savory notes of sweet bean curd, apple wood smoked meats and raw suede come forward. The palate is massive yet refined; loaded with aromas of ripe mulberry and juicy black cherry, which are nicely balanced by violet and cocoa dusted espresso beans. Well structured tannins provide lasting grip with a silky texture that lingers endlessly on the palate.

HARVEST:

September 26-October 24, 2006

BLEND:

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Franc

COOPERAGE:

24 months in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% once filled oak barrels.

ANALYSIS:

14.5% alcohol, 3.74 pH, 0.62 g/100ML TA

PRODUCTION:

1992 cases

BOTTLED:

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