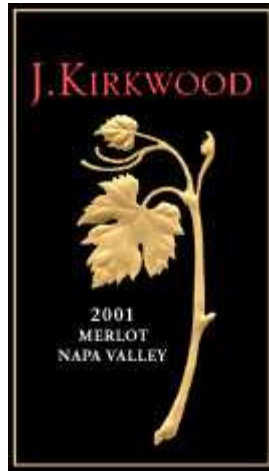


J. Kirkwood Winery

2006 Merlot



WINERY:

Dr. Kirk Reid planted a 3-acre merlot vineyard in an area that would become known as the Golden Triangle of Napa Merlot, in late 1980s. Michael Havens, Dan Duckhorn and Doug Shafer—the cream of the crop of California—all agreed that the southern end of Napa Valley, where the foothills of Mt. Veeder meet the hills of Carneros provides the perfect environment for growing world-class merlot. After selling the wine for many years, Dr Reid decided to bottle some for himself. This is it.

DESCRIPTION:

Purple black color, followed by black fruit aromas of plum and berry, made more complex by baking spices and dried flower petals. Lovely fruit on entry, carrying through the mid-palate and into a long finish, kept fine by plush, firm-to-round tannins. In the glass it evolved to more expressive, open blackberry aromas, with full lingering structure, even better on the second day open. Drink now for its hedonistic joy, but lay down some for the long term that is bound to show development, not just suspension.

HARVEST:

September 20, 2006

SOURCE:

94% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGED 30 MONTHS:

50% new 50% used Sequin Moreau barrels

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.0%, pH: 3.62, Total acidity: 0.618gm/100 ml

PRODUCTION:

432 cases

RELEASE DATE:

January 2008

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