

Seabiscuit Ranch 2006 Superfecta



VINEYARDS

The Legendary thoroughbred Seabiscuit was retired to a ranch in Mendocino County's Redwood Valley, where his memory inspires the winemaking endeavors there. Seabiscuit Ranch vineyards are located on a southern portion of the original Ridgewood Ranch. Located just 20 miles from the Mendocino coastline, these small, award-winning vineyards are perched at an altitude of 1,000 feet on steep slopes of the Pacific Coastal Mountain range. The vines are nurtured and harvested entirely by hand according to sustainable growing practices.

DESCRIPTION:

Seabiscuit Ranch This is an exceptional red wine blend of four classic varieties. It is the first release of Seabiscuit Ranch **SUPERFECTA MERITAGE**, and the fourth vintage of a classic Bordeaux blend. Previous wines used three varietals, thus the previous name TRIFECTA. They changed the name to **SUPERFECTA**, a betting term to predict the first four finishers in correct sequence within a race. Our objective is to produce a proprietary true super quality wine comprised primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon with nuances gained with the addition of Merlot, Petit verdot and Cabernet Franc. All these varieties develop mouth-filling fruit flavors, elegance and finesse from Mendocino County.

WINEMAKING:

"The 2006 weather was a year of contrasts and variability; early season downpours, later dry warm temperatures, two hot spells, and a normal harvest season. This allowed the grapes to mature slowly and develop flavors of ripe plums, cherries and blackberries. The grapes were harvested by hand, crushed into stainless steel tanks and fermented dry. In November 2006 after pressing, the wines were transferred into small American oak barrels for flavors to develop and natural tannins to soften. After 15 months in barrels, in February 2008 they selected the premium barrels of each an for 8 additional months of aging prior to final blending and bottling. The wine has deep purple color, concentrated ripe fruit aromas and flavors, with medium-to-robust body. It has soft tannins and is ideal for drinking now, yet will benefit from further bottle aging for many years."

PRODUCTION:

810 cases - 750 ml

BLEND:

Cabernet Sauvignon 65%; Merlot: 28%; Petit Verdot 4%; and Cabernet Franc 3%

HARVEST:

September 27 -)October 23, 2006 at 25.2 degrees Brix.

AGING:

20 months in American and French oak barrels

ANALYSIS:

14.2% alcohol by volume

BOTTLED:

October 20, 2008

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