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2006 ROSÉ of CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

With the exception of a dramatic July heat spike, the 2006 growing season was marked by few superlatives. A relatively cool growing season, including one of the coolest Septembers on record, led to extended hangtime and fully developed flavors. Ideal weather persisted through the extended harvest, allowing for excellent sugar development and balanced acids.

Vineyards

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes for this wine were grown in the Chiles Valley region of Napa Valley. The region, with its clay-loam and shale soils, favors a longer growing season with its higher elevation and persistent morning fogs.

Vinification

Our Rosé is made in the saignée method, by "bleeding" juice from our Cabernet Sauvignon tanks prior to fermentation. The juice, pink in color due to its minimal skin contact, is inoculated and fermented to dryness in stainless steel. A portion of the wine was aged for 1 month in older French oak barrels, while the balance of the wine remained in tank. Prior to bottling, the wine received minimal filtration and fining to preserve the fresh fruit flavors.

Tasting Notes

Perfect for spring and summer sipping, this crisp, fragrant Rosé features fresh strawberry, raspberry and hibiscus aromas that are mirrored on the palate. With its dry finish and balanced acidity, this Rosé is perfectly suited for al fresco dining and lighter fare.



Philip Zorn, Winemaker

Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	13.5%
TA	0.64 g/100ml
pН	3.39
Oak Aging	None
Oak Cooperage	None
Bottling Date	March 14, 2007
Production	359 cases
Suggested Retail	\$12