

# SPOTTSWOODE

## 2006 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

THE 2006 Spottswode Cabernet Sauvignon is our 25th Anniversary Cabernet and is notable as being Jennifer Williams' first vintage as our winemaker. With a wild flood on New Year's Day of this vintage and snow through the early spring, Napa Valley was subject to late bud break and harvest. We were on the top of our game in the vineyard, and our new sorting table allowed us to treat our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes like royalty on their way to fermentation.

The 2006 vintage is an "alive" and complex wine that is concentrated and contemplative. It is full of fruit now, though it's easy to see that this wine has so much more to reveal. With a sturdy structure characteristic of this vintage, we opted for an additional three months of barrel ageing to encourage the flexible, supple nature of this resulting wine. A lovely, deep Cabernet Sauvignon that is luscious and fresh with youthful aromas of homemade blueberry pie and fresh-crushed brambly fruit. Black currant, espresso, ginger, almond spice and rose petals. Lively oak notes; firm, yet supple tannins: terrific structure: a deep core of blue fruit. A textural delight—creamy and lovely, with great length.

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#### SOURCE OF GRAPES

Spottswode Estate Vineyard  
Organically farmed since 1985

#### RELEASE DATE

September 1, 2009

#### OAK PROFILE

Aged 24 months  
100% French Oak  
(70% new barrels)

#### AMOUNT PRODUCED

2,743 cases of 750 ml.  
221 cases of magnums

#### BLENDING DETAIL

98.5% Cabernet Sauvignon  
1.5% Cabernet Franc

#### WINERY RETAIL PRICE

\$130 per 750 ml. bottle

#### APPELLATION

St. Helena, Napa Valley

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