



2006 MERLOT

The grapes for this wine come from a vineyard on a rise in the heart of Alexander Valley – the same vineyard that garnered our 2004 Merlot the title of Best American Merlot Under \$20 in *Food & Wine Magazine* (October, 2007).

Ruby highlights dance in the deep red liquid while aromas of plum, red currant, toasty vanilla and violet fill the glass. Rich berry and black cherry notes are complemented by mocha and dark, unsweetened chocolate flavors. The wine has balanced, mouth filling flavor with good depth, finish and round firm tannins.

Varietal:	100% Merlot	Alcohol:	13.5%
Appellation:	Alexander Valley	% Malolactic:	100%
TA (g/100 ml):	.63	Brix at Harvest:	24.2
pH:	3.51	Res Sugar(g/100ml):	.02
Barrels:	American oak	Time in Barrel:	18 months
Winemaker:	Bill Arbios	Production:	1550 cases

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