



**2006 Cabernet Sauvignon  
Estate  
El Dorado County**

Harvest

92.4% Cabernet Sauvignon  
7.6% Merlot  
Harvest date: 16 October 06  
Harvest Brix: 25.0 degrees brix  
pH: 3.68  
Total Acidity: 0.45 g/100ml

Wine

Alcohol: 14.2%  
pH: 3.78  
Total Acidity: 0.66 g./100ml  
Barrel Aging: 16 months in  
new 33% new and 67%  
older French Oak  
Bottling Date: 9 Feb. 08  
Cases Produced: 72

2006 is the first release of Estate Cabernet since the acclaimed 2003 vintage. The retraining of the vineyard trellis opened up the canopy to allow more of the warm summer sun to penetrate yet offer enough cover to protect the fruit. We still have more improvements to make but the 2006 vintage shows the rewards of our efforts. Moderate temperatures and our cooling evening breezes allowed for a long growing season. Fruit ripen slowly and developed lush full flavors. Fermented in small open tops and pressed at dryness the new wine was aged 14 months in 100% French oak, 33% being new.

Pronounced blueberry and plum lead the aromas to ripe plum flavors. A hint of vanillin adds highlights to enjoyment. Rich and full bodied the wine is very supple and finishes with lingering blackberry and sweet oak. Tasting great right now this wine will add to any holiday fare and give enjoyment for another five years.

Paul