

# 2006 ROCCA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

YOUNTVILLE • NAPA VALLEY



The fruit for this wine was primarily sourced from our Grigsby Vineyard, located at the northwest corner of the Silverado Trail & Yountville Crossroad. The vineyard soil is a light clay-loam, sprinkled with small river-rocks. With it's proximity to the Stags Leap District, our Grigsby Vineyard receives cooling breezes most afternoons, originating from the San Pablo Bay. The balance of the fruit was grown at our second estate vineyard, the Collinetta Vineyard. This vineyard is in the area east of Napa, and is much cooler, with rocky soils on gentle slopes. Much cooler than Yountville, the fruit ripens later with more color density and structure than it's counterpart ten miles to the North.

## WINEMAKING

Winemaker Celia Welch Masyczek worked closely with Sergio Melgoza, our vineyard manager, as both believe that the art of making great wine begins in the vineyard. The 2006 harvest had a smaller crop with fewer clusters and smaller berries than normal. Thanks to a long late growing season, and the dedicated efforts of Sergio, the grapes matured with wonderful uniformity and we were able to harvest the fruit at the peak of ripeness. The wines from this small crop display exceptional intensity and concentration, with rich fruit and tannic structure to age beautifully. The winegrapes were selectively hand harvested during the cool morning hours from our two estate vineyards. The fruit from each vineyard was harvested and fermented separately in open top tanks, and then put into French oak barrels for about 9 months of ageing separately, before blending in June 2007. The blend was put back into barrels for further development until bottling in May 2008.

## TASTING NOTES

This complex and elegant estate Cabernet Sauvignon displays elegant red fruits, a touch of vanilla on the aromas, and a fresh lively, fruit-focused entry. Full-bodied and balanced, with a creamy texture, it unwinds slowly revealing its layers of flavor.

ESTATE VINEYARD:	Grigsby Vineyard, Yountville Collinetta Vineyard, Coombsville
AGING:	20 months in small French Oak Barrels
BOTTLING:	May 2008
VARIETALS:	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
RELEASE DATE:	October 2009
CASES PRODUCED:	806
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$75.00