

2006 ROCCA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

COLLINETTA VINEYARD • NAPA VALLEY



The twelve-acre estate parcel is named Collinetta (Italian for “little hill”) to reflect the small knoll rising from the center of the property, which gives our vines a 360-degree orientation to the sun. Located in the Coombsville area east of the town of Napa, the gentle slopes of the Collinetta vineyard are covered with well draining rocky soils. Compared to our Grigsby Vineyard in Yountville, this area of the valley is much cooler, allowing for a longer growing season. The fruit ripens later with more color density and structure than its counterpart 10 miles to the North.

WINEMAKING

Winemaker Celia Welch Masyczek worked closely with our vineyard manager Sergio Melgoza as they both believe that the art of making great wine begins in the vineyard. This wine was created entirely from fruit grown on our Collinetta Vineyard in Napa. Thanks to a long, late growing season the grapes matured with wonderful uniformity and we were able to harvest 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 grapes were destemmed and gently transferred into fermentation tanks, where they fermented on the skins for almost three weeks. The wine was aged in small barrels (65% new) for about 20 months, and was bottled in May 2008.

TASTING NOTES

As soon as this wine is poured, its beautiful profound color lets you know you're in for something special. The aromas are dark, brooding, and exceptionally complex -- rich blackberry and black cherry notes, delicate floral highlights, hints of toasty oak, espresso and dark chocolate, and a flinty mineral component all come together. On the palate the wine is extracted and vibrant, with rich fruit flavors and a serious, aristocratic structure. The finish is unusually long and pure, with the ripe fruit giving way to a lingering note of dark chocolate amid the rich, sculpted tannins. This Cabernet has the heft, balance, and tannic foundation for graceful long-term ageing.

ESTATE VINEYARD:	Collinetta Vineyard, Napa Valley
AGING:	20 months in small French Oak Barrels
BOTTLING:	May 2008
VARIETALS:	95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc 2% Petit Verdot
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
RELEASE DATE:	May 2010
CASES PRODUCED:	274
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$85.00