



2006 Canis Major Cabernet Sauvignon

In today's world of full-throttle, over-the-top Cabernet Sauvignon, our Canis Major Cabernet exhibits some restraint. It's core and youthful fruit expression is "definitive Cabernet Sauvignon", but delivered in a wonderful style that strives for complexity, balance and drinkability.

2005 Vintage

Silver Medal • 2010 National Women's Wine Competition
Silver Medal • 2009 San Francisco International Wine Competition
Silver Medal • 2009 SF Chronicle Wine Competition
Silver Medal • 2009 CA State Fair Wine Competition
Bronze Medals - 2010 Grand Harvest & 2008 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

2004 Vintage

Silver Medals - 2007 Sonoma County Harvest Fair, 2008 San Diego Wine Competition, 2008 SF International Wine Competition, 2008 National Women's Wine Competition

Perotti Vineyard, "Hillside", Dry Creek Valley

DCV can be divided into three main areas: valley floor, gentle sloping benchlands and hillside terrain. This 1.5 acre block is clearly hillside. It butts up against the benchlands, but there is a clear delineation of soils, water retention and vine vigor. To the eye, it simply is steeper, has lighter sandy and rocky soils and smaller vines. We've been getting this fruit since 2002, and there is one key constant - tiny berries, intense fruit character and low yields of around 3 tons/acre. 2006 harvest occurred on September 30.

Brenda's Winemaking

In the winery, Brenda ferments her Cabernet Sauvignon in a similar manner to her Zinfandel and Syrah. She is not looking for maximum power and extraction from the grape skins. Rather, she is focused on a more gentle extraction that emphasizes purity of fruit. Fermentation was done in open top tanks with 3 times daily punch-downs and one "French rack" to maximize extraction and yeast production. The wine was aged in 100% French oak, with 50% new Bel Air and Vicard barrels.

Tasting Notes

Tight aromas of new French oak and hints of red and black fruits signal the wine's youth. Bright fruit flavors combine with caramel and toasty oak in a structured mid palette that explodes into a chewy, dense finish with sweet, ripe tannins. Drinks great now!



Information

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| Vintage: | 2006 |
| Appellation: | Dry Creek Valley |
| Vineyard: | Perotti Vineyard |
| Alcohol: | 15.5% |
| Produced: | 196 cases |



The constellation 'Canis Major' is famous the world over; resembling a large dog, it is known as 'The Greater Dog'. Canis Major seems a fitting name for our "big dog" wines.

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