

# CLOS DU VAL

## 2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

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<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Napa Valley
<b>COMPOSITION:</b>	85% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Cabernet Franc 5% Merlot 4% Petit Verdot
<b>FERMENTATION:</b>	Closed top tanks with pumpovers; 30 days with skin contact
<b>AGING:</b>	17 months in French oak barrels, 25% new barrels
<b>ACID:</b>	5.9 g/L      pH:      3.6
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	13.5%
<b>SOIL TYPE:</b>	Gravelly clay loams
<b>AGE OF VINES:</b>	8-25 years
<b>HARVESTED:</b>	September 16 - October 19, 2006
<b>BOTTLING:</b>	July 2008
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>	36,000 cases produced

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Clos Du Val has created world-class Cabernet Sauvignon since 1972, and this latest vintage continues the winery's tradition of balanced, elegant and complex wines made to enjoy with a meal. Deep purple-black in color, the 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of black currant, cassis and spice. Intense flavors of black fruit, dried herbs and a hint of spice fill the mouth. The wine has a powerful, solid middle and a chalky, lingering finish. Expect this Cabernet Sauvignon to age gracefully for an additional 5-10 years.

### HARVEST

2006 was another year of unusually high rainfall, with some late rains similar to those we saw in the previous year. Spring was relatively cool and bud break occurred a month later than the previous year. Summer temperatures were fairly mild, despite a brief heat spike in May and a more intense one in July. Harvest, which started in mid-September and lasted through the end of October, was marked by perfect weather. The end result is another excellent Clos Du Val vintage of concentrated, flavorful wines.

### HISTORY

French born winemaker Bernard Portet and American businessman John Goelet founded Clos Du Val in 1972. After traveling the world for two years in search of wine growing regions of great potential, Portet selected two sites in the Napa Valley—130 acres in the Stags Leap District for growing Bordeaux varietals and 180 acres in the cooler Carneros region to launch Clos Du Val's Pinot Noir and Chardonnay program. Today, winemaker John Clews joins Portet in delivering our classic, elegant style of wines, as Clos Du Val has consistently expressed for more than thirty years.

