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## 2006 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINTAGE

The 2006 growing season was quite warm with overall heat accumulation rivaling the high numbers posted in 2003. While spring was a little rainier than usual, July and August were hot prompting concern the grapes might ripen before the flavors had time to fully develop, but a perfect Indian summer slowed ripening just enough to give the grapes extra time on the vine to soften the tannins and produce mature, richly flavored grapes.

### VINEYARDS


One of the advantages of having made wine in the Columbia Valley since the mid-1980s is the opportunity it's given me to work with some of the most dedicated growers in the industry. Our Columbia Valley wines are made from a short list of vineyards I consider to be among the best in the state. The diversity of these vineyards-representing many of the most mature, carefully managed sites in Washington-provides for a full range of fruit expression that allows me to craft complex, multi-layered wines true to Columbia Valley *terroir* as well as the varietal character of the grapes. Our 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon includes grapes from Champoux, Klipsun, Ciel du Cheval and Weinbau vineyards.

### WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for eight days. After being pressed off, this lot was aged for 20 months in primarily new French Oak barrels to improve its already lengthy finish. Racking the wine every three months created pliant tannins and a bold, stylish structure.

### TASTING NOTES

This supple, complex Cabernet is overflowing with ripe currant, blackberry, chocolate and warm vanilla notes in the nose. On the palate, the wine lingers with a long, supple finish.

  
 Mike Januik, owner/winemaker



### ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity .....0.54g/100ml  
 pH.....3.73  
 Blend... ....91% Cabernet Sauvignon  
                   7%Merlot  
                   2%Cabernet Franc  
 Cases.....1672  
 Bottling Date..... July 1, 2008