



## 2006 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

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Our goal is to highlight the special characters of Cabernet while showcasing the distinct benefits and attributes associated with these magnificent vineyards. The first lot of Cabernet Sauvignon was picked October 20, 2006 a day later on October 21, 2006 the second lot was picked at 26.0 degrees brix. The grapes were fermented 10 days to dryness, then macerated an additional twenty-one days to soften and develop the tannins. Following pressing 90% of the wine was moved to 60 gallon French Oak barrels, 10% into American Oak where it received four gently barrel to barrel racking's. These racking's clarify the wine naturally, and eliminate the need for filtration. This vintage was barrel aged for twenty-two months prior to bottling. Optima is hand crafted, utilizing the best possible resources available. The result is an exceptional richness and balance that are the hallmarks of world class wines.



Appellation	100% Alexander Valley
Alcohol	14.5%
pH	3.77
Total Acid	6.04g/L
Residual Sugar	NONE
Total Phenols	3100ppm
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