

YATES FAMILY VINEYARD



MOUNT VEEDER



2006 Alden Perry Reserve

Production	106 12-bottle 750 ml cases 55 12-bottle 375 ml cases 15 6-bottle 1.5L cases
Bottled Date	May 2008
Composition	50% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Mount Veeder – Napa Valley
Elevation	1000-1200 feet
Alcohol	14.5 %
Cooperage	Aged for 18 months in 25% new French Oak

Tasting Notes Vibrant ruby garnet in color with aromas of dark tree fruit, blackberry, white pepper, hints of lavender and earthy briar tones are prevalent in the nose. Elements of cloves, pipe tobacco, black licorice, fresh-baked blackberry pie give this wine multiple layers. Balanced acidity and mid-palate tannins lead to a rich and full finish. This complex wine has potential for extended aging.

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Vineyard The Yates Family Vineyard is located on the slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains, in the Mount Veeder Appellation. The 35 acres of steep, hillside vineyards were replanted by the Yates' family in the early 1980s to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. At an average elevation of over 1,100 feet, the site, with its combination of microclimates and volcanic soils, produces incredible grapes with intense fruit flavors. These elements all contribute to the extremely long-lived wines from this vineyard.

Vintage 2006 started off with heavy rains bringing in the New Year. This wet weather lingered into spring. This caused the vines to grown energetically early, delaying bloom into June. June's weather started to warm, with dry conditions favoring fruit set. July had some record heat which was followed by a moderate summer. Harvest was delayed due to the wet spring and delayed bloom. Our first grapes, merlot, were picked October 12th with our last picking on October 31st with the last batch of Cabernet Franc. Total yield was slightly lower, with small berries that helped concentrate the flavors and enhance the fruit aromas creating intense wines with soft tannins for accessibility early but still possessing age ability for years to come.