

YATES FAMILY VINEYARD



MOUNT VEEDER



2006 Cheval

Production	96 12-bottle 750 ml cases 39 12-bottle 375 ml cases
Bottled Date	May 2008
Composition	100% estate grown Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Mount Veeder – Napa Valley
Elevation	1000-1200 feet
Alcohol	14.7 %
Cooperage	Aged for 18 months in 30% new French Oak

Tasting Notes

Brilliantly ruby in color. This wine's rich aromas of ginger, anise and cinnamon are unique to this varietal. Rich and supple with soil flavors classic to the terroir of Mount Veeder. The flavors are concentrated and focused. Vibrant fruit is reminiscent of ripe plums, blackberries, black cherries with hints of cedar, exotic spices, and vanilla. The tannins and layers of fruit are harmonious offering a velvety mount feel. This wine has a smooth entry that last into the finish.

Reviews

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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.

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.