

2006 SONGBOOK

This wine is the result of a handshake

Vintage

Weather patterns during the 2006 growing season shifted abruptly, as if on command, to meet the needs of the developing fruit. Cool and wet conditions throughout April resulted in a late bud break, about three weeks later than average. The swift transition to warm, dry weather in May was instrumental in quick bloom and fruit set, with strong growth and great set throughout. Just at the onset of *veraison* summer's heat intensified, resulting in many straight days of triple digits. The hottest July on record gave way to below-average temperatures in August and September, allowing even ripening and long hang times. Overall, the combination of perfect fruit set and ideal ripening has produced very concentrated wines that will mark 2006 as one of the great Napa vintages

Vineyards

Fruit for the 2006 Songbook was sourced from three of David Abreu's personal properties located in diverse terroirs in the St. Helena and Howell Mt. regions of the Napa Valley. These properties produce fruit of uncommon character resulting from proprietary clones, extremely low yields and meticulous farming. The result is a winemakers dream.

Winemaking

Grapes were picked in the darkness of the early morning hours and immediately subjected to rigorous selection by our berry-by-berry hand sorting process. The berries were gently delivered to tank by our unique crane system, minimizing disruption of berry integrity. Cold soaks lasted approximately five to seven days and fermentations were managed via a combination of *delestage*, punchdowns and pumpovers. Extended maceration from four to five weeks fine-tuned our tannin profiles, and allowed us to perfect mouth feel and wine complexity. This Cabernet Sauvignon underwent eighteen months of *elevage* in 100% new French oak.

Winemaker Notes

Opulence, purity, and intensity come together in this stunning 2006 Songbook. Aromas of graphite, licorice, coriander, iris root, violets and berry-infused teas entice the nose. A plush and well-rounded entry develops into soft, deep tannins that show components reminiscent of plum, stewed apricots, spice box, black pepper and soy. A persistent finish that displays incredible depth belies this wine's surprisingly elegant and intricate nature.

Analysis

Composition:	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 7% Petite Verdot
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottled:	June 2008
Release:	March 2010
Production:	128 cases
Average ton/acre:	2.5