



THE GRADE
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Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton
Winemaker:	Rudy Zuidema
Release Date:	April 2010
Release Price:	\$100 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	October 1, 2006
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7/Rootstock 110R Blocks 2 & 4 – Clone 337/Rootstock 101-14
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (40% new)
Aging:	21 months
Panel:	14.4% Alcohol 3.69 pH 0.67 g/100ml Titratable Acid 0.54 g/100ml Volatile Acidity
Production:	254 cases

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

"Our 2006 Cabernet has the distinctive expression of our Calistoga District vineyard, which shows how long-sighted farming practices bring out deep character and authenticity in the wine.

This single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon offers so many different levels of flavors and very complex aromas. This is accomplished by carefully blending multiple wine lots from different soil profiles, clones, and rootstock selections throughout the property. The wine has a solid core of rich rhubarb, ripe cherry and licorice flavors. These are supported by cedar, dark roast coffee, and minty brown sugar. The texture is balanced and harmonious bringing a wealth of ripe tannins together with juicy bright acidity. A lick of vanilla and dark currant invites you back for more." R.Z.

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