



2006 California Cuvée – Syrah

Varietal: 79% Syrah, 21% Petite Syrah

Appellation: California

Alcohol: 15%

Production: 816 cases

Tasting Notes: Aromas of garrigue, freshly turned earth, followed by black cherry and a white pepper compote. This wine not only stimulates the senses, but draws you into the glass; swirling releases intoxicating aromas that illustrate hot summer days in the vineyards. Firm and structured, yet with an approachable lushness. Anisette and lavender along with freshly cracked pepper dance on your palate, intertwining with black cherry and subtle crème brûlée notes.

Winemaker's Comments: The opportunity for a winemaker to blend wines from different AVA's to create a wine that shows all the nuances of each, but without having any of them be the dominant is a true experience. The majority of the blend comes from Fess Parker's and Ventana vineyards. Both of these vineyards remind me of Northern Rhone and are intense in their own right. But the addition of the elegant Musci Vineyard Syrah and a powerful Petite Syrah bring out complex dimensions that really pull the wine together.