

2006 Michael Black Vineyard Merlot, Napa Valley

Harvest: Hand-picked on October 12 & 14, 2006

Appellation: Coombsville area of Napa Valley

Varietal Composition: 100% Merlot

Brix at Harvest: 26.7 Brix

PH: 3.52 pH

Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L

Crush: 100% whole berries

Pre-fermentation: 4 day cold soak at 50 degrees F

Fermentation: 14 days primary, malo-lactic fermentation in barrel

Peak Temperature: 93-94 degrees F

Pressing: 10 days after the onset of fermentation

Aging: 22 months in barrel

Oak: 100% French oak, 50% new for the vintage consisting of Allier,

Troncais and Center of France forests, both medium and

medium plus toast

Bottled: July 31, 2008

Produced: 310 (9L) cases, including 6/1.5L cases

Release Date: November 1, 2009

Winemaker's Notes:

Appealing and complex aromas of wild berry, red currant with a dusty, mochavanilla and warm, cedar-wood spice. Very richly structured and dense on the palate, it shows silky tannins that well-knit together with bold black cherry fruit and a richly-flavored, fruity finish.

Finished Wine Statistics:

Alcohol: 14.8% pH: 3.56 pH TA: 5.8 g/L