

Wine Notes- Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine one

Les Fontanelles Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 – Vin de Pays d’Oc

A highly concentrated Cabernet plentiful with blueberry and blackberry fruits and a silky chocolaty edge. Smooth soft tannins add to the richness and exquisite palate which develop into a lasting finish.

Style:	Medium bodied red
Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
ABV:	13%

Wine Two

Kangarilla Road 2006

2006 vintage was a season of challenges with mixed weather conditions. Heavy Spring rains in 2005 set the vines up well for the growing season however an early onset of a mild Summer followed. A cooler than normal February led to a bout of warm weather in early March resulting in excellent ripening conditions for our Cabernet Sauvignon.

The wine was fermented in traditional open fermenters with heading board systems and in static open fermenters using gentle cap management techniques. The pressed wine was aged in a combination of new French and American oak complemented with an even mix of 1, 2, 3 and 4 year old oak..

The 2006 Cabernet was sourced from four vineyards in the McLaren Vale district. The major percentage is from our McLaren Flat vineyard together with that of our immediate neighbour. These vineyards, located at the northern part of the foothills, ripen later than many of the other sub-regions resulting in “cooler climate” aromatic dark fruit driven wines with intense mid to back palate presence and an abundance of soft velvety tannins. The balance of the blend is sourced from a vineyard in the Seaview and Aldinga regions of McLaren Vale. Both of these vineyards are located in highly stressed sites where the influence of strong wind and sandy soils give rise to intense aromas and flavours.

Colour:	Deep red with garnet hues
Bouquet:	Aromas of dark berries combine with hints of paprika and earthy richness.
Palate:	The palate is full of rich dark savoury fruit leaving trails of dark chocolate, cherries and sweet chalky tannins.
Alcohol:	14.5%
pH:	3.45
TA:	6.95

Wine Three

Catena Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

Offering a riper and more structured wine than the Alamos, this Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep, dark colour and a nose of blackcurrant, tobacco and cedar. The rich palate has layers of black fruit, some coffee and a hint of mint. Lovely!

VINIFICATION

The grapes were de-stemmed before undergoing a 14 day fermentation and subsequent 27 day maceration to ensure full extraction. The wine then spent 12 months in 80% French Oak, 30% new and 20% new American oak

TASTING NOTE

The 2004 Catena Cabernet Sauvignon presents a deep, dark violet colour with reddish hues. The nose offers intense, focused aromas of ripe cassis and black currant fruit intertwined with notes of tobacco, cedar, and a touch of eucalyptus. The mouth feel is full and concentrated with layers of rich black berry flavours and elements of frosted mint, espresso and graphite

Grape 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14% by volume

Wine Four

Robert Mondavi Private Selection 2004

Blend: 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Syrah, 3% Merlot, 2% Petite Syrah

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, crafted from grapes grown primarily on California's Central Coast, displays the dark cherry, berry and chocolate aromas and flavours characteristic of high-quality California Cabs. With seamless structure, velvety tannins, well-integrated oak and rich fruit character—enhanced by the addition of small amounts of Syrah, Merlot and Petite Syrah—this wine may be savoured on its own or paired with a wide array of dishes, including rib roasts, grilled steak, spare ribs, lasagne, roast duck and flavourful hard cheeses.

VINTAGE

The 2004 growing season yielded grapes with full, rich flavours and excellent acidity. Warm spring temperatures got the season off to an early start, with bud break and bloom 2-3 weeks ahead of schedule. Good weather during bloom produced an even berry set and moderately sized crop. Temperate weather continued throughout the summer, leading to an early harvest of grapes with excellent ripeness and concentration.

Alcohol	13.5 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
pH	3.42
Total Acid	0.67

Wine Five

Chateau Haut Franquet 2002

A great value, Cabernet Sauvignon-dominate claret with a classic blackcurrant and blackberry nose, with hints of vanilla and spicy oak flavours. Exhibits soft tannins and elegant fruit on the palate

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

ABV: 12.5%

Wine Six

Annandale 2001

Vineyard:

The grapes for our 2001 Stellenbosch Cabernet Sauvignon came from our vineyard located in the heart of Stellenbosch. The vineyard consists of 3 individual blocks situated on westerly and southerly slopes ranging in altitude from 100m to 170m above sea level. Annandale's vineyards are nurtured by deep, gravely soil with decomposed granite sub-soils featuring the optimal kind of soil structure and soil texture for producing superior quality red wines. The combination of vineyard, low yields and impeccable farming, has produced grapes and thus wine with incredible flavour and concentration

Winemaking:

Individual vineyard blocks were hand picked separately and the carefully hand sorted at the winery before being destemmed into individual stainless steel fermentation tanks. The fermenting juice is circulated to allow for optimal flavour and colour extraction. After an average of 22 days maceration, when optimum balance of flavour and tannin extraction was reached, the wine was drained from the skins and the skins gently pressed. Our wine was then placed into French oak barrels for 36 months of aging in our barrel cellar.

Tasting Notes:

Rich plum and blackberry aromas are complemented by oak and clove notes with hints of herbaceous characteristics. The big, full body has a velvety richness and a lush mouth feel, with a harmonious balance and long, lingering finish. The flavours remain in your mouth for your tastebuds to discover them long after the last sip. This wine perfectly combines old world wine elegance and style with new world wine fruit and intensity

Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ABV: 15%