



HILL FAMILY
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2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 885 cases

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards: 48% Beau Terre, 28% Baker, 24% Astrale e Terra

Cooperage: 16 months in 85% French oak barrels, 10% American Oak, and 5% Hungarian Oak, (43% new barrels)

Alcohol: 14.5% alc, 3.66 pH, 0.64 TA

Release price: \$50.00

Winemaker's notes:

The 2006 Hill Family Cabernet Sauvignon combines the best of the Hill Family's Beau Terre Vineyard in the Oak Knoll District, with its plush black cherry boysenberry fruit, and the Atlas Peak Cabernet, with its finesse and tannic structure and its hints of sage and native brambly character. All vineyards are under the control of Doug Hill, offering the chance to make the tough but necessary decisions about viticulture that make for the best wines. 2006 was a strong Cabernet year, with intensity and power that evolved to have grace and beauty after 18 months in barrel.

Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

Nose: Elegant blackberry and black cherry with the wild sage and garrigue notes that come from the Atlas Peak Mountain area.

Palate: Still young and perky up front, but the long deep flavors of black cherry, wild cherry, and cassis are developing nicely. A hint of sage and cedar give it elegance, and there is just enough mountain tannin to be savory and structured.