

2006 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

High Valley, Lake County

History

In 1861 Lake County was created from parts of Napa and Mendocino counties and has since been well known as a farming community.

In the 1870s vineyards were planted and by the early 1900s the area was already earning its reputation for producing “**World’s greatest wines**”. Prohibition forced an end to the Lake County wine production in 1920; some of the vineyards were removed and replaced with walnut and pear orchards.

The comeback of the wine industry began in the 1960s when a few growers rediscovered the area’s grape growing potential and once again began planting vineyards. Lake County now has close to 10,000 acres of planted vineyards, and is among the fastest growing regions in California. This area has also seen the recent establishment of several American Viticultural areas such as **High Valley** and **Red Hills**-Lake County. We are proud to say that Lake County contains many vineyards that support the California Wine Institute’s Code of Sustainable farming practices.

Winemaking Notes

The grapes used to produce our 2006 Shannon Ridge Lake County Cabernet Sauvignon were picked at full ripeness. We did a long maceration to soften tannins and improve flavors and mouth feel. We used gentle processing to keep tannin levels down. Blended with Petite Verdot to add another layer of complexity and depth, Aged in French oak for twenty months.

Tasting Notes

Color: Garnet
Aroma: Vanilla, Cedar, Plum, Bing cherry
Flavor: Marion berry, Cherry, Tobacco spice
Texture: Silky, Well balanced, Long elegant finish

Technical Data

Alcohol:	14.5%
Total Acidity:	0.60 g/mL
pH:	3.64
Residual Sugar:	0.09%
Composition/Blend:	76% Cabernet Sauvignon 24% Petite Verdot
Appellation:	Lake County
Barrels:	French
Time in Barrels:	20 months
Cases Produced:	289



Suggested Retail: \$30
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