



2006 Robert Craig

Affinity

Napa Valley • Cabernet Sauvignon
Bordeaux-Style

Blend: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

Total Production: 5800 cases

Winemaker Notes

Since the Affinity debuted with the 1993 vintage, our Bordeaux-style Cabernet has been a sought-after favorite on wine lists of the nation's top restaurants and in fine wine shops. Finesse and grace are the hallmarks of this classy blend, echoing a Margaux-like complexity, depth and harmony, in which dark, luscious fruit is married with ripe, round tannins that provide the structure for aging.

Vineyard Sources

Affinity's distinctive character begins in the vineyards and ends when the perfect blend for that vintage is in the bottle. The foundation is Robert Craig's estate vineyard and an adjoining property to the south of Stag's Leap, in the southeastern foothills of Mt. George. This Bordeaux-like growing area supplies bright, distinctive black-red Cabernet fruit with hints of currants and violets. Cabernet from upvalley vineyards adds more dense black fruit, structure and complexity, while Carneros Merlot contributes supple tannins and mouth-filling mid-palate flavors. Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot generate fragrant spicy aromas, and cassis and bright berry flavors.

Tasting Notes

Aroma: Concentrated berry and black cherry fruit at the forefront, underlain with sweet cassis and touches of violets, lavender and spicy oak. *Flavors:* A beautifully polished core of black fruit on the mid-palate, interwoven with black olive, red currant, espresso and a hint of maple. *Finish:* Lush and generous, focusing on more dense fruit, enlivened with crisp acidity and silky, fine-grained tannins. *General:* A rich, multi-layered Cabernet that balances power with finesse.

Wine Information

Harvest dates: September 30 – November 1

Average sugar: 25.6 Brix

TA: .57

pH: 3.80

Alcohol: 14.5%

Barrel Aging: 16 months in French oak; unfiltered

Bottling Date: April 2008

Release Date: March 2009

Price: California suggested retail price is \$48.00 per bottle.