



2006 Cabernet Sauvignon

In 2001, we began the “Calder” program of finding special vineyards and making small lots of wine. We worked with memorable Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and even Syrah. We traveled between Carneros, Yountville, Spring Mountain, Howell Mountain, Calistoga, St. Helena, and Oakville. After 5 vintages, the perennial gems in the wine cellar became evident. There is a small group of vineyards in Oakville that produced Cabernet Sauvignon unlike any that we have tasted. Finding such an opportunity begins the next chapter for DeSante Wines; a great Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon.

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon shows the classic ruby/garnet hue. The aromas are inviting with the darker notes of ripe cherry and chocolate getting a pleasing lift from a presence of red currant. This lift is what one would expect from the western bench Cabernet that composes 45% of the blend. The western bench shows through again with the bright cherry flavors and elegant expression of tannin in this seamless wine. The addition of Cabernet from the eastern hills brings forth the deeper notes of blackberry and cedar while providing the textural curves and softened edges that one would expect from a Cabernet Sauvignon that has the potential to reward cellaring for the 6-8 year term. The house style is supple tannin and a balanced expression of the appellation and this wine delivers fruit to complete the package.



There is the opportunity to make great wines of enduring character. Finding such an opportunity begins the next chapter for DeSante Wines; a great Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon.

Appellation: Oakville

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 550 cases