



## **2006 Cabernet Sauvignon** *Walla Walla Valley*

### **Vintage Notes**

Bloom-time rains caused poor fruit set, resulting in loose, small, open clusters and low yields. Very hot year led to thick skins on Cabernet, increasing tannin and color. Harvest weather was very cool but rainless – a perfect end to a hot growing season. Overall, a very, very high quality vintage.

### **Winemaker Notes**

Dense, saturated color. The initial nose is blueberry compote, black berries, and a whiff of pine resin and sawdust behind the classic cabernet note of cassis. As I taste an open bottle over several days, the wine changes dramatically, with additional layers of aromas, including tobacco, more black fruits, and vanilla revealing themselves. I'm always pleased when a wine does this, as it's a wonderful harbinger that it will continue to gain complexity in bottle for years to come. The palate of this cab is just gorgeous, with a lush, mouth-coating texture. The tannin content is high, but they are very ripe, fine-grained, and long. The wine finishes with an endless glycerin sweetness in which Leonetti wines are known.

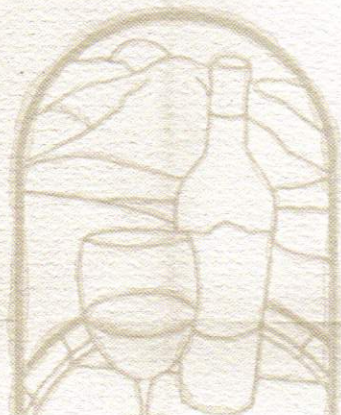
### **Vineyards in this Wine**

*100% Walla Walla Valley*

Mill Creek Upland, Loess, Seven Hills, Pepper Bridge and Old Winery block

<b><u>Aging Profile</u></b>	<b><u>Blending Detail</u></b>	<b><u>Production</u></b>	<b><u>Winery Retail</u></b>
Aged in new and second-fill French and American oak barrels for 22 months	Cabernet Sauvignon 79% Merlot 14% Cabernet Franc 4% Malbec 3%	2,558 cases	\$85

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