

BARNETT VINEYARDS  
*Spring Mountain District*  
NAPA VALLEY

**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**'Cyrus Ryan'**  
**Napa Valley**  
**2006**

<b>Harvest Date:</b>	Early September 2006
<b>Grape Source:</b>	Cyrus Ryan Vineyard
<b>Planted:</b>	2001
<b>Blend:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Aging:</b>	23 months in French Oak, Mixed Coopers Medium plus toast oak, 90% new
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.2%
<b>Total Production:</b>	348 Cases
<b>Release Date:</b>	January 2009
<b>Winemaker:</b>	David Tate

**Vineyard and Vintage Notes:** Cyrus Ryan Vineyard is a small 2-acre vineyard located on the Napa Valley floor, adjacent to Silverado Trail just north of the town of St. Helena. This tiny vineyard is planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon, which with its low yields of 2 tons per acre exhibits the varietal typicity of a top valley Cabernet coming from a premium boutique vineyard.

**Winemaking Notes:** The fruit for this wine when harvested was held in small tanks to cold soak for 3 days before fermentation was initiated. Color came swiftly and the tannins began to fill out as well as the mid palette over a number of days (approximately ten). The press was held separate and later added more structure and body to the wine. The wine was held in primarily new oak (90%) for 23 months, racked per quarter to retain the purity of the fruit.

**Tasting Notes:** The wine exhibits a beautiful purple core and medium ruby rim with intense dark currant, black cherry and raspberry black olive on the nose. In addition, there is deep graphite minerality as well as cooking chocolate. Upon tasting the body is full and viscous, and the deep dark chocolate becomes really apparent. This is matched by blackberry and pencil lead. The chalky tannins are tighter than the 2005; the wine all around is firmer, with a long wild berry finish. The structure of this wine will demand a minimum of 3 years aging but should continue to age gracefully over the next 10-12 years.