

BARNETT VINEYARDS

Spring Mountain District
NAPA VALLEY

Cabernet Sauvignon **Spring Mountain District** **2006**

Harvest Date:	Mid October, first week of November.
Grape Source:	Spring Mountain District (Spring Mountain, Crowley, York Creek and Barnett Vineyards)
Blend:	94% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Cabernet Franc
Aging:	18 months in French Oak Barrels 65% new and 35% once used
Alcohol:	14.6%
Total Production:	1655 Cases
Release Date:	March 2009
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vintage Notes: 2006 was a temperate year, where each mountain lot was picked with long gaps in between. Cooler overall the lack of rain allowed slow ripening of each parcel and with patience they were sourced at the correct time. On the whole the 2006 vintage is a classic year of true mountain expression combining all the elements of sun, soil, and vinification to produce a powerful mountain wine.

Winemaker Notes: The grapes were sourced from our Estate and from neighboring York Creek, Crowley and Spring Mountain Vineyards. Each Vineyard block was fermented and aged separately for 12 months then blended followed by further aging. This wine was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels with 65% new. The addition of 6% Cabernet Franc brought up the spice in the nose and gave the wine a little more backbone.

Tasting Notes: This opaque deep purple wine has immediate cassis on the nose, with large amounts of graphite, and ground pepper. Deep cooking chocolate, black licorice and vanilla bean tones are also prevalent. The palette is rich with big black currant, more pepper and vanilla as well as the classic spring mountain black earth. The tannins are firm and chalky with crisp mountain acidity to balance. More cassis and chocolate linger on the long finish. The wine is very young and time will be needed to while the wine develops beautifully over the next 12-15 years.