

# ST. FRANCIS WINERY & VINEYARDS

## 2006 MERLOT

### *Wild Oak* SONOMA COUNTY

**HARVEST** Sept. - Oct. 2006

**AGING** Twenty-Four Months

**STORAGE** American & French Oak

**pH** 3.53    **TA** 0.65g/100 mls

**BOTTLING** April 2009

**ALCOHOL** 14.5% by volume

**AGING POTENTIAL** 6 to 10 years

**CASES PRODUCED** 3000 cases

Wild Oak wines by St. Francis are made from grapes that have been hand-picked from small lots of elite terroir bordered by Heritage Oak trees in Sonoma County's most outstanding AVA's. Wild Oak Merlot is a lush, rich, full-bodied wine characterizing classic Bordeaux structure. Small crops of intensely flavored fruit from select blocks of the 39 year old estate Behler Vineyard in Sonoma Valley provide us with rich, fleshy fruit typical of Merlot grown on this cool valley floor vineyard. A second Merlot component is grown high above the fog line along the Mayacamas ridge overlooking Sonoma Valley on our estate Nuns Canyon Vineyard. This Mountain grown Merlot provides the tannins needed to give the wine structure and complexity. Additionally, a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate Lagomarsino Vineyard in the Russian River Valley provides depth of color and berrylike flavors to complement the final blend.

A surprisingly dense wine, the 2006 vintage displays unmistakable aromas of black cherry, chopped chocolate and pencil-lead. Flavors of ripe red fruit, spice box and reserved tannins create a lengthy finish.




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