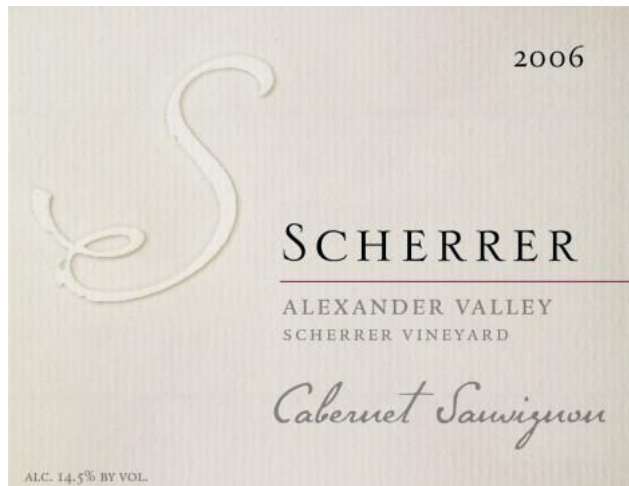


Cabernet Sauvignon

Scherrer Vineyard, 2006



This is a unique and exotic expression of Alexander Valley benchland Cabernet Sauvignon. It was aged in small French oak cooperage for about thirty months, with infrequent racking. Bottled without fining or filtration to respect the expression of the site, this 100% varietal wine enjoys both a youthful suppleness and the structure necessary for lengthy storage.

Winemaker's Notes

This 100% varietal wine captures the best expression of this variety at this site. It was bottled last summer after almost three years in barrel and is now showing the best that any of our Cabernets have this soon after bottling. Juicy, mouth-watering aromas of Satsuma plum, cassis, cherry life-saver and freshly tilled loam telegraph what is in store when you drink it. Similar to the 2003 Scherrer Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, just now released to restaurants and wine shops, this has great layers, texture and length. I am equally excited about the 2006 and it's potential. Anybody who loves Pinot Noir, but has not found a Cabernet Sauvignon they like, it is time to try at least a half bottle of this. Red fruits, earth and texture? Oh yes. If you have only had over-the-top examples of this variety – which is the style in vogue these days – you owe it to yourself to see how good a more elegant version is. I think this wine will drink like this for the next 6-7 years, and will continue positive evolution for another decade after that.