

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

LANCASTER ESTATE 2006 SOPHIA'S HILLSIDE CUVÉE

Our Hillside Cuvée honors our daughter, Sophia. Estate grown, produced, and bottled, this fruit forward wine is rich and intense with plum and dark fruit characters, refreshing notes of blueberries and violets, and a long, concentrated finish. Aged 18 months in French oak barrels, our Cuvée was bottled unfiltered to retain purity of expression. 1,189 cases produced.

LANCASTER ESTATE

Founded in 1995, Lancaster Estate is a family owned winery dedicated to crafting wines that are estate grown, bottled, and produced. Situated on 53 hillside acres at the southern tip of Alexander Valley, near the confluence of the Knights Valley and Chalk Hill appellations, this location enjoys the warm climate, depleted soils, and rugged hillsides uniquely suited to Bordeaux varieties.

2006 VINTAGE

Budbreak began late in the season, followed by a very cool and wet spring. Heat developed quickly in July followed by a warm and lengthy growing season, with harvest starting late in October. Yields were average with high quality fruit showing even ripeness, dark color, and great density.

COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS

86% Cabernet Sauvignon

14% Merlot

Titrateable Acidity 0.57 g/100mL

pH 3.65

Alcohol by volume 14.4%

