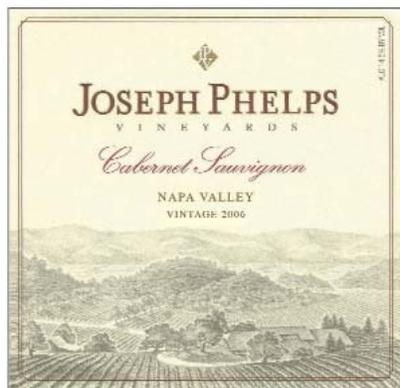


  
**JOSEPH PHELPS**  
V I N E Y A R D S



## 2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**BLEND & GRAPE SOURCES:** 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec from estate-owned vineyards (66%) and independent growers (34%).

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES:** Grapes were harvested between September 26 – October 24, 2006 at an average 25.5° Brix, fermented in stainless steel tanks, then aged 19 months in a combination of 50% new French and American oak barrels and 50% two-year-old oak.

The inky, purple-black color of the 2006 Cabernet yields rich, bright fruit on the nose and is layered with ripe blackberry, red plum, cream, tobacco and anise aromas followed by juicy, ripe raspberry and rich, dark fruit flavors. Sweet tannins are nicely integrated and the wine ends with excellent structure, length and balance.

### Wine & Spirits

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#### 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Generous black currant and blackberry flavors fill this juicy cabernet. It's lush and easy to enjoy on release, the gentle tannins ready to meld with rare prime rib.

### Decanter

January 2010

Rich, layered black fruits. Full, generous palate, complete, well-structured with good length. From 2010. (PM)

**Score: 15.67** [out of 16].

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#### 89 JOSEPH PHELPS Napa Valley 2006

Insistent and well-defined Cabernet fruit is met with a fair bit of briary spice and a full complement of very rich oak from this deeply filled wine's moderately intense nose straight through to its gruff, decidedly tannic finish. Its frontal appeals noted, this is very much one for putting away . . . and will grow for a decade. (*August 2009*)

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### WINEENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE

#### 92 Joseph Phelps 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Phelps' basic Cabernet bottling is dry and elegant and classically balanced. It displays rich flavors of blackberries, black currants and cedar, with notes of violets and herbs. Fancy and impressive now, but not a long-term ager. Through 2012. – S.H.

### Wine Spectator

Nov. 15, 2009

#### 88 Joseph Phelps Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2006

Tight and compact, with concentrated herb, dried currant, sage and savory, earthy notes. Rich and balanced, with good depth and structure. Best from 2010 through 2016. – J.L.

Stephen Tanzer's



### International Wine Cellar

May/June 2009

#### Joseph Phelps Vineyards 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

**88**

Good ruby-red. Raspberry and lead pencil on the nose. Sweet and lush, with a slightly roasted quality to the fruit syrup flavors.