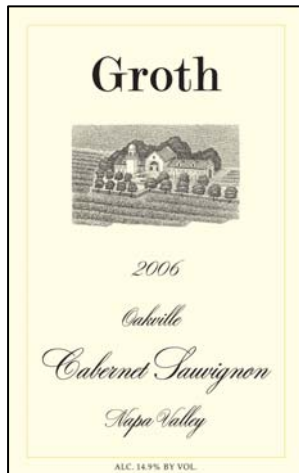


**Groth**  
VINEYARDS & WINERY  
*Rooted in Oakville*



**2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY**

**Vintage:** A late cool spring delayed bud break. As it turned out, this fortuitous delay in bud break mitigated any damage that might have resulted from a record heat wave in early July. Mild, moderate temperatures followed allowing the slowly developing berries to ripen over a very long period. We were blessed with a fantastic “Indian summer” during the entire month of October allowing the grapes to reach optimum ripeness without the concern for “monster sugar”.

**Harvest:** The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit is grown on our Estate controlled vineyards, in the Oakville AVA, in the heart of the Napa Valley. The Oakville District is renowned for its Cabernet Sauvignon and produces wines that are full, lush and very elegant.

**Winemaking:** Fermentation was carried out over a ten-day period in small, temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at an average temperature of 85 F. After pressing and settling, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels for aging. The sweet vanilla character derived from 20 months in the barrels blends well with the black cherry and blackberry flavors and aromas of the wine.

**Winemaker Tasting notes:** The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon is big and lush with huge gobs of fruit in the aroma and flavor. The texture of the wine is soft and supple, typical of Cabernet Sauvignons grown in our area of the Oakville AVA. Patience during bottle aging will reward the “steward” with an outstanding bottle over the next 10 to 15 years.

**Menu suggestion:** “Try this Cabernet with a lamb loin marinated in olive oil and garden herbs with lemon mashed Yukon Gold potatoes and Swiss chard. Enjoy!” Kimball Jones, Culinary Director.

**Key Points**

- Oakville Appellation
- Cabernet Sauvignon 79%, Merlot 21%
- Aged in French oak barrels for 20 months, 50% new French oak.
- Lush flavors with subtle tannin backbone
- Bottled in July/August 2008
- Will age beautifully for the next 10-15 years

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