

SANDHILL



Every year, when we make our wines at Sandhill, we discover unique and distinctive barrels that deserve very special attention. The result is our ever-evolving **Small Lots Program**, showcasing these finely crafted creations.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON - SYRAH 2006

SANDHILL ESTATE VINEYARD

69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Syrah

**SMALL LOTS
PROGRAM
363 CASES**

GROWING CONDITIONS

The 2006 season began with light but steady spring rain, creating vigorous growing conditions that produced more bunches than desirable. To stay within the yield targets, our growers worked diligently to thin these sizeable clusters cutting almost 40% of the fruit produced on all red varieties.

The season progressed with uninterrupted sunshine and ideal temperatures through late July, except when intense heat became a mild concern for growers. Luckily, the heat wave was short-lived and the crop was unaffected. Forest fires burning across the US border brought a slight haze of smoke to the South Okanagan. The smoke did not impact flavour; however it may have contributed to the extended growing season.

WINEMAKING

- Gentle crush and 4 day cold soak
- Stainless steel fermentation
- Aged in new American oak for 20 months

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol	14.5%
Dryness Code	0
Sugar	0g/litre
TA	6.09g/litre

Release Date	June, 2009
Cases Produced	363
CSPC	114496
PID	1040221
BC Retail	\$29.99

FLAVOUR PROFILE

- Inky black colour with black currant, soft oak, white pepper, vanilla extract and cocoa on the nose.
- Dry yet silky tannins give this full-bodied wine great structure and mouth feel.
- Juicy sweet black fruits, vanilla and smoky oak unfold on the palate while sweet spices linger on the finish.
- Pairs well with pepper steak, full-flavoured wild game meats. filet mignon wrapped in bacon and premium dark chocolate.

WINEMAKER NOTES

"This intriguing blend is created using a small amount of Syrah to enhance the Cabernet Sauvignon. Two different blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon and one block of Syrah from our estate vineyard were blended, giving us a full bodied wine with smoothness and complexity."

- Howard Soon, Winemaker

A TRUE EXPRESSION OF THE VINEYARD

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1125 RICHTER STREET KELOWNA, BC CANADA V1Y 2K6 T 250-762-3332 F 250-762-2999
1000-1200 WEST 73RD AVENUE VANCOUVER, BC CANADA V6P 6G5 T 604-267-9463 F 604-264-6810
VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY VQA

