

# 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.

## MALBEC 2006

PHANTOM CREEK VINEYARD  
85% Malbec, 15% Petit Verdot

**SMALL LOTS  
PROGRAM  
109 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

- Harvested on November 1, 2006
- Gentle crush into small open top fermenters
- Thorough hand punch downs
- Aged in new American and used French oak for 18 months

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol	12.5%
Dryness Code	0
Sugar	0
TA	6.1g/litre

### FLAVOUR PROFILE

- Aromatic nose of dark plums, spiced strawberry jam, black cherry, violets, sage brush and sweet Indian spice.
- Medium-bodied wine with soft velvety tannins and a slightly rich mouth feel.
- Fruit-forward flavours of juicy raspberries and plums. Wild strawberries and a touch of spice linger on the finish.
- Pairs well with grilled steaks in a peppercorn sauce, marinated leg of lamb and shepherd's pie.

Release Date	May 2009
Cases Produced	109
PID	1040233
CSPC	55558
PRICE	\$29.99

### WINEMAKER NOTES

"The 2006 Malbec has to be one of the most gutsy vintages we've ever produced. Despite being cooler than expected, the growing season was longer and gave the fruit the intensity brought only by ideal ripening conditions. Experience a full-bodied, dark Malbec with wonderful tastes of black licorice."

- Howard Soon, Winemaker

## A TRUE EXPRESSION OF THE VINEYARD

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1000-1200 WEST 73RD AVENUE VANCOUVER, BC CANADA V6P 6G5 T 604-267-9463 F 604-264-6810  
VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY VQA

