



2006 Vintage

“Nils” 25th Anniversary

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Appellation:	100% Napa Valley
Blend:	78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot
Aging and Cooperage:	24 months in 65% new French oak, and 10% new American oak/French oak hybrid barrels
Alcohol:	14.6%
Bottled:	December 3, 2008
Released:	March 7, 2009
Cases Produced:	789 cases 750ml (available in 6-packs)
Retail Price:	\$140.00 (750ml), \$280.00 Magnum, \$595 3-Liter

Established by celebrated winemaker Nils Venge in 1981, Saddleback Cellars of Oakville, California, marked its 25th Anniversary vintage in 2006. To celebrate, Nils decided to put the party in the bottle. After serious blending considerations, and selecting only the best barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon, we are happy to announce that the “celebration wine” is standing the test of time. On tasting while it was barreled, we dubbed the wine “Nils” to honor his great dedication to fine winemaking in the heart of Napa Valley. *We had a blast with the label!* Yep, that’s Nils, on his buckaroo on Saddleback Mountain in Orange County, pictured on the front of the bottle. Since its release in March 2009, this wine was rarely distributed beyond the estate or Posse club membership.

### CHARACTERISTICS:

On the nose: flambeed fruit, black currant, Oolong tea. In the glass, a medium-plus body. A rich approach of concentrated dried fruits: cherries, apricot, fig, balanced by cedar and a complementary toastiness, easing into a delightful, bright finish even with its age. A classic! Recommended to drink until 2030.

### REVIEWS:

“The outstanding 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bottling ... reveals a dense ruby/purple color, abundant cedar, black currant and licorice notes, medium to full body, and 12-15 years of aging potential.” Rated 92 points by Robert Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate, December 2008 issue.

"Mocha infused with cherry jam. Exotic, lifted nose. Super-fine structure, - like a cru classé Bordeaux. Soft, dense, creamy. Lovely balance. Pure and complex." 4 Stars - Highly Recommended - Decanter Magazine - February 2010

91 points - Stephen Tanzer



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