



2006 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard

Wine Advocate #180 (Dec 2008)

Rating: 94

The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard possesses the vintage's structure and power. While this vintage is more irregular than the 2005, it has a tendency to produce more masculine-styles wines with loads of concentration, but less charm and finesse (at least at this stage). The 2006s are somewhat reminiscent of the 1996s, which followed the brilliant years of 1994 and 1995. The deep ruby/purple-hued 2006 Helms Vineyard cuvee offers subtle notes of spicy oak intermixed with forest floor and new oak. It exhibits a powerful, dense, rich finish, but overall is less evolved than the seemingly more complex 2005.

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2006 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus Vineyard

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From a vineyard situated on the lower hillsides in the St. Helena appellation, the 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus Vineyard's dark ruby/purple color is followed by an extraordinary bouquet of crushed rocks, spring flowers, and black currants. The wine exhibits superb intensity, elegance, and richness. This gorgeous 2006 should drink nicely for 15-20 years.

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