

J·DAVIES

2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Mountain District

THE STORY

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its sixth vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon produced from the historic Diamond Mountain vineyards they purchased in 1965 and replanted to Bordeaux varietals beginning in 1994. The wine is named in honor of patriarch Jack L. Davies, who along with his wife, Jamie, revived the Schramsberg property and established the preeminent American sparkling wine house more than four decades ago. A creation of the next generation of the Davies family, the J. Davies Cabernet Sauvignon is the product of an intimate knowledge of a place and a passion to create a delicious red wine.

VINEYARDS

The vineyard blocks, totaling 43 acres, are laid out in three isolated pockets ranging from approximately 500 to 1,000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally established in 1862 by Jacob Schram. The third piece is the adjacent McEachran parcel, which was first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878 and was purchased by Schramsberg in 1985. These are the southernmost vineyards in the Diamond Mountain District AVA. Flanked by two cool creek canyons — Nash Creek to the north and Ritchie Creek to the south — and surrounded by dense coniferous and deciduous forests, the vines here produce late-ripening, richly concentrated fruit with average yields of just two tons per acre.

TASTING NOTES

Bright aromas of boysenberry and cassis combine with mulled spice, orange peel and cassia bark. The palate is dense, complex and fruitful. Wild blueberry and blackberry mingle with clove and black tea spice, which are seamlessly brought together with integrated tannins that sustain a long and luxurious finish. — *Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies*

APPELLATION:	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley Estate grown
VARIETAL COMPOSITION:	79% Cabernet Sauvignon 15% Malbec 6% Petit Verdot
HARVEST DATES:	September 21-November 1
BARREL AGING:	22 months in French oak, 85% new
COOPERS:	Taransaud, Boutes, Vicard
BOTTLED:	September 4, 2008
PRODUCTION:	4,094 cases (6/750ml)
ALCOHOL:	14.6%
TA:	0.65g/100ml
pH:	3.61

