

RADIO-COTEAU

Radio-Coteau 2006 Vintage



Welcome to Radio-Coteau's fifth release and the 2006 Vintage wines. We remain focused on producing wine from Western Sonoma County and the Anderson Valley that reflects a specific place and time.

The wines of 2006 reflect a year with late spring rains and early summer heat, a challenging vintage for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay but a near perfect one for cool-climate Syrah. To maintain our high quality standards, we implemented a draconian selection in the vineyard and during crush, and used only free-run juice in the finished Pinot Noirs. Syrah, however, thick-skinned and thus largely impervious to the rains, benefited from what some would call a "continental" climate pattern involving early heat and a cool harvest season. This pattern enhanced aromatics in the Syrahs and plumped up mid-palate texture significantly.

Given the quality of the vintage, we have split our annual release in two. Both vineyard-designated Syrahs and the Von Weidlich Zinfandel will be held until the fall to allow for extended elevage in barrel, which will refine tannins and enhance complexity.

Wines will be released for shipment during the week of March 17th. Shipments to states still experiencing extreme temperatures will be delayed.

On the advent of our fifth release, we would like to thank you for helping to establish Radio-Coteau in the marketplace. Despite rising production costs from grapes to glass, we have chosen to keep prices steady with only a modest increase on two wines, and have held shipping prices down notwithstanding the inflated cost of fuel.

As seasons change and vintages mature, time honored winegrowing methods continue to guide us, while your appreciation and support inspire our efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping tail.

Eric Sussman
Winegrower

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2006 Vintage Wines



LA NEBLINA SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR
ALBERIGI RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR
SAVOY ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR
TERRA NEUMA SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR
LAS COLINAS SONOMA COAST SYRAH
TIMBERVINE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY SYRAH
CHERRY CAMP SONOMA COAST SYRAH
VON WEIDLICH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY ZINFANDEL

2006 Savoy Anderson Valley Chardonnay

Wine from the Corton hill inspired our decision to make Chardonnay from Savoy Vineyard, whose soil and climate are also ideal for both Burgundian varieties. The addition of Prosser clonal selection in 2006 added tropical notes and vibrancy to the wine. The bouquet unfolds with lime blossom, quince, honeycomb and gardenia. Flavors of lemon zest, green apple, melon and macadamia nuts are layered into the midpalate. The focused finish lingers with vibrant acidity. Will cellar through at least 2010.

420 cases produced. \$45 per bottle.
RELEASE DATE: March 17, 2008

2006 La Neblina Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Spanish for “fog,” *la neblina* rolls in from the Pacific to cool vineyards in western Sonoma County. New fruit from a truly coastal vineyard near Annapolis made a distinctive addition to the blend in 2006. Fifteen percent whole cluster fermented. Rose petal, black cherry, black plum, cocoa powder and soil notes on the nose coalesce on the savory midpalate. Velvety tannins provide traction for bright black cherry fruit on the lengthy medium-bodied finish. Will cellar through at least 2012.

1,592 cases produced. \$42 per bottle.
RELEASE DATE: March 17, 2008

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2006 Alberigi Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

In the heart of Russian River Valley, Alberigi Vineyard is sourced exclusively by Radio-Coteau. Despite an early spring, a cool August and September lengthened the growing season in 2006. Expansive cherry pie, orange peel, rosebush, anise, saffron, adobe and matsutake aromas on the broad bouquet. The wine's depth is revealed on the midpalate, with loamy, black cherry, brown spice and licorice flavors. Fine grained tannins structure the lightly peppered finish. Will age through at least 2012.

436 cases produced. \$50 per bottle.

RELEASE DATE: March 17, 2008

2006 Savoy Anderson Valley Pinot Noir

The Savoy Vineyard's growing season is lengthened by the maritime influence funneling through Anderson Valley. A severe selection in the vineyard and cellar in 2006 reduced production by 100 cases. Pennyroyal, pomegranate, plum, dried cherry, sandalwood and violet flavors complicate the expressive nose. The midpalate showcases broad flavors of violet, plums, maple syrup and dark chocolate. Smokiness emerges on the finish, which remains tightly packed for the moment. Drink through at least 2012.

380 cases produced. \$50 per bottle.

RELEASE DATE: March 17, 2008

2006 Terra Neuma Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Farmed by the Benzigers, Terra Neuma produced more fruit for us in 2006 while achieving its Demeter biodynamic certification. Effusive and idiosyncratic, with iris, rosemary, mulberry, black cherry, roasted nut, allspice, toffee and river rock aromas. The lush midpalate, full of dark chocolate and black cherries, is tempered by a graphite minerality. Berry and cherry fruits highlight the espresso and black pepper-laced finish. Though eminently enjoyable now, it will cellar until at least 2012.

190 cases produced. \$50 per bottle.

RELEASE DATE: March 17, 2008

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2006 Las Colinas Sonoma Coast Syrah

Las Colinas blends fruit from the hills surrounding Bohemian Highway in western Sonoma County. The 2006 contains elements from Timbervine, Cherry Camp and Von Weidlich vineyards. The nose features white pepper, black olive, cured meat, dried fruit compote, ruby red grapefruit, granite, brown spice and Cyprus resin aromas. Sappy fruit and dark minerals drive the fleshy midpalate, and introduce a silky, perfumed finish. The most layered, age worthy Las Colinas to date. Drink through at least 2012.

635 cases produced. \$38 per bottle.
RELEASE DATE: March 17, 2008

2006 Timbervine Russian River Valley Syrah

This timber-lined Syrah vineyard is perched above the Russian River on the steep southeastern slope of Black Mountain. A ripe, sappy core of blackberry and black plum fruit anchors the showy nose, which also exhibits violets, black trumpet mushrooms, roasted chestnuts and smoked pork belly. The prodigious midpalate hides fruit and minerals behind a wall of chewy tannins, but they emerge again with high toned violet, white pepper and sage on the long, meaty finish. Drink through at least 2014.

375 cases produced. \$50 per bottle.
RELEASE DATE: October 13, 2009

2006 Cherry Camp Sonoma Coast Syrah

We dedicate this vintage to the memory of Vince Pedroia, a renowned veterinarian, cowboy poet and gentleman. The contrast on the nose between clay soil and ripe fruit typifies this benchmark Cherry Camp. The extravagant bouquet suggests pluot and blueberry jam, rhubarb, rose petal, prosciutto, cardamom, white pepper, cookie dough, cocoa and coffee. Roasted black raspberry fruit dominates the dense, slightly peppery midpalate. Extracted and lush on the finish, it will drink through at least 2014.

343 cases produced. \$50 per bottle.
RELEASE DATE: October 13, 2009

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2006 Von Weidlich Russian River Valley Zinfandel

Robert Von Weidlich's dry farmed, head pruned old vines reside on a ridge top above Occidental. Bright boysenberry and raspberry bramble, cinnamon, milk chocolate, anise, iron, menthol, white flower and black pepper can be found on the sophisticated bouquet. The focused but supple midpalate tempers its berry, mineral and potpourri flavors with light tannins. The pure, juicy, midweight finish lingers with classic old-vine notes of berry bramble and pepper spice. Will drink through at least 2010.

295 cases produced. \$42 per bottle.

RELEASE DATE: October 13, 2009