

vilafonté

Series M 2006

Refined & Layered

The character of the Series M 2006 is driven by the combination of Merlot and Malbec at 54%. These varietals lend to more fruit forward characters and silky tannins and add to the lushness of this blend. The wine is rich and accessible, but has a deep backbone and core provided by 43% Cabernet Sauvignon. The aromatics are open and inviting. This wine characteristically shows black cherry jelly, dried flowers, hints of almonds and pine nuts. M has a silky entrance on the palate, very even weight for its whole length, and some “fruit sweetness” in its middle and finish; even some chewy milk chocolate notes. The Series M 2006 is the perfect combination of elegance, supple fruitfulness and hidden concentration.

Re-Tasted In January 2012

This wine has an intense dark red to black colour. Spice focused, with brown sugar, balsamic, fruitcake and cloves as the primary aromas and integrated dark chocolate. Black currants and dark cherry preserve are very present as the secondary fruit aromas. The oak in the wine has presence but not overpowering. Wine seems fresh with almost no sign of aging, a reason to celebrate the longevity of this wine. The palate of the Series M is very soft, broad and very approachable.

Re-Tasted In January 2013

The dark red colour sports a thin brick rim, suggesting maturation. With aromatics of dark cherry and spice, this wine surprises with such a core of fruit that it has the ability to continue to develop for many years. Drink now with pleasure or cellar further.

The Vintage

January was characteristically dry, windy and warm - a hot start to the vintage. The remainder of the harvest saw cool nights with some rain towards the end. The hot spell towards the end of harvest in March brought the last Cabernet blocks home. The warm and windy conditions during harvest, coupled with the extremely small berry sizes made the Merlot very concentrated, yet more fruit forward than in previous years.

The Blend

18 months in French oak barrels, with a further one year in bottle. 39% Merlot, 15% Malbec, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc. 65 French Oak Barrels produced. Delicate decanting for intensified aromatics