



Vintage
2006

Varietal
92% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Petit Verdot
3% Malbec

Appellation
Oak Knoll District of
Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard
100% Hillspring

Harvest
September 27-October 9

Oak
28 months in French

Alcohol
14.8%

Bottled
March 2009



2006 HäLo

Our flagship wine, HäLo is named for our children, Hailey and Loren, who grew up in the middle of our Hillspring Vineyard in the Mayacamas foothills of western Napa Valley, the source of this extraordinary red wine. The vineyard's rocky, shallow soils, coupled with a climate protected from fog and wind, make Hillspring the perfect spot to grow exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Vintage

One of the longest growing seasons in our 40 years in Napa Valley began with a New Year's flood and continued with an unusually cool, wet spring, then segued into a very mild summer punctuated by a record July heat wave. August and September were ideal with morning fog, mild afternoons and cool, crisp evenings, while October was dominated by unseasonably cool weather which slowed ripening, elongated the harvest and tried our patience!

The Wine

To taste HäLo is to appreciate its heritage, its surroundings. Aromas of blackberries and bay leaves, like those that grow along the spring-fed creek that flows through our Hillspring property, flow too through HäLo. The oak forests that surround the vineyards on the hillsides perfume the ground with their litter, and that enchanting aroma is echoed in the wine. Finally, subtle notes of tobacco, smoke, and earth dance in the background, deriving from the soil itself.

This 2006 vintage is remarkable; the long growing season developed wonderful Cabernet character that is reflected in the abundant flavors of blackberry, black cherry, cassis, juicy plum and dark chocolate. The tannins are ripe and refined, holding great promise for decades of cellar age.

Food Affinities

HäLo should be reserved for the finest cuts of full-flavored beef and game.

96 Score / Three-Puff Rating

VINTAGE 2005 "This latest rendition of HäLo comes packed to the rafters with vital curranty varietal fruit tinged with cola nut, toast and vanillin notes in its compelling aromas to start. Full and lush on the palate yet solidly built and altogether delightful for both its complex pieces and its unending flavors, this one will invite you to drink it now but promises to get better and better with a half decade or more of cellaring. And we would not be the least bit surprised if it lasted for two decades."
Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wines

One of only 20 wines worldwide priced above \$100 that merit their price.
Forbes.com, VINTAGE 2001



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