

# Rosenthal

## The Malibu Estate

2006 Malibu - Newton Canyon

### Merlot - The Devon Vineyard

#### VINTAGE INFORMATION

2006 was a challenging year for winegrowers state-wide, and the Santa Monica Mountains were no exception. Drier than normal conditions gave us less water in the soil to start the spring, and we were dependent on earlier irrigations. Having this resource allowed us to fine tune the growth of the vines, keeping vigor to a minimum, yet allowing enough canopy growth to ripen the crop. As we do in most years, some cluster thinning was required to keep the tonnage per acre, and clusters per vine, to our target levels. One of the coolest ripening periods provided slow even ripening.

#### CHARACTERISTICS

Low-yield hillside fruit contributes to a richness, structure, and complexity not seen in "standard" Merlots. A full yet supple wine, with hints of black cherry, plum, mocha, exotic spices, and a kiss of oak. Bright berry fruit, refined middle palate, and a lingering finish with elegant, well-integrated tannins.

#### DATA

pH: 3.62

Brix at Harvest: 25.9

Residual Sugar: none

Alcohol: 15.2%

Total Acidity: .61

Blend: 83% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
5% Petit Verdot, all Estate grown

Oak: Saint-Martin Bordeaux Export barrels —

Jupilles and Tronçais forest, medium-plus toast, tight grain. 19 months

AVA: Malibu – Newton Canyon

Case Production: 400



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