

Beaux Frères
The Beaux Frères Vineyard

Vintage: 2006 *Maturity:* 2008-2028 *Notes Written:* 2007

Most vintages of our wines need a bit of bottle time to really show their stuff as we take great pains to produce wines in a relatively oxygen-deprived environment at cold temperatures. **The 2006 vintage is a beautiful year** of ripeness, and the 2006 Beaux Frères Vineyard shows the exceptional maturity of the grapes and the tannins. Deep ruby/purple-tinged to the rim, with a sweet, ripe **nose of black raspberry**, kirsch, with some underbrush and spice notes (any evidence of new oak casks is completely obscured by the wine's fruit). The wine cuts a broad savory path on the palate and has relatively elevated glycerin and sweet fruit which tends to obscure and hide the significant tannin. This is a very full-bodied, powerful style but also has a **seamless integration of fruit, acidity, wood, tannin and alcohol**. It's a beauty and can be drunk young, although we envision this wine hitting its peak in 5-7 years and lasting for 15-20. It is the sexiest, most hedonistic wine from this vineyard site to date. For that reason, we think it is among the finest wines we have ever produced.