

A mountain
vineyard is the
most beautiful
sight on earth.

—MARTIN RAY

## TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS

77% Diamond Mountain13% Sonoma Mountain10% Stags Leap District

RELEASE DATE
January 2010

BRIX AT HARVEST 26.0

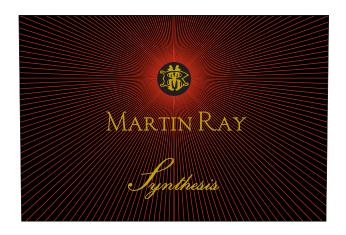
TOTAL ACIDITY
0.60%

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3.71

alcohol 14.8%

QUANTITY PRODUCED 2,100 bottles



## MARTIN RAY 2006 RESERVE

## Synthesis

## NAPA VALLEY

THE VINEYARDS Synthesis is a blend of our very best mountain vineyards from several distinct Napa Valley sub-appellations, including Diamond Mountain and Stags Leap Districts. The Diamond Mountain District grapes are grown on the spectacular Constant-Diamond Mountain Vineyard, which rises to 2200 feet elevation above the Napa Valley floor. The grapes grown in the Stags Leap District are from Regusci Vineyards, nestled at the bottom of a hillside and influenced by the distinctive soil composition in this region. The balance comes from the slopes of Van der Kamp vineyard on Sonoma Mountain, which rises to 1400 feet elevation above the valley floor.

**VINTAGE NOTES** The 2006 harvest was an excellent vintage. After a cool, wet spring, the vintage moved along quite slowly. The longer than normal ripening period allowed the vines to produce mature, intense fruit without high sugars.

winemaker's notes Martin Ray summarized our winemaking method when he said: "We add nothing to our wines, nor do we take anything from them. With infinite care, we leave them alone." Hand selected from individual barrel lots by winemaker, Bill Batchelor, *Synthesis* represents the finest expression of our favorite wines from the 2006 vintage. Our *Synthesis* is a full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon aged for thirty-four months in French oak barrels. Layers of concentrated and well-integrated flavors and aromas of black currant, dark cherry and plum are accented by creamy vanilla overtones. This wine fills your palate and finishes very long and rich...

**FOOD & WINE PAIRING** Pair this Cabernet with your favorite cut of steak, standing rib roast, or any hearty dish.