



Harvest & Varietal Information

APPELLATION: Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley

VARIETIES: 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 13% Petit Verdot, 9% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec

ORIGINAL PRODUCTION: 6,043 CASES LIBRARY RELEASE DATE: January 1, 2016

Spring Mountain District—Napa Valley

The 2006 vintage gave us a beautiful wine. It strikes just the right balance between ripeness and freshness. You'll recognise the sweetness and comfort of a typically warm Napa vintage, yet it is still tightly wound around a solid core. We find the herbal and floral notes that are the signature of the Cain Vineyard, and now with age, we find tobacco and spice. The 2006 Cain Five, delicious today, demonstrates just how well the Cain Five can age. It has a very long life ahead.

Here is some of what I wrote when this wine was first released:

“It is a warm, plump, plush wine with a nice mouth-filling texture—not exactly silky, but this wine talks to you. But, I would add, you have to listen. It is a quiet wine. It doesn't say, ‘Take me now,’ although you can. The nose is subtle and roasted. It speaks of a warm sun and ripe fruit—with no hint of overripe dried fruit, or ‘jamminess.’ The palate tells the same story with its full, plush tannins that slip right down without grabbing at the back of your throat.”

Our winemaking is simple: We believe that red wine is a partial extraction of the grape. Our goal is to get what we want and to leave the rest behind. At Cain, this means hand picking, gentle destemming, no obsessive sorting, native-yeast fermentation, and manual pressing. The wine completed malolactic fermentation in the barrel, was blended early, and, following a careful *élevage* finishing with a gentle egg white fining, was bottled without filtration.

About Cain Vineyard & Winery

Cain Vineyard & Winery overlooks St. Helena from the top of Spring Mountain in the western mountains of Napa Valley. The estate vineyard is planted to the classic set of five varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We make three wines: Cain Cuvée; Cain Concept, representing the classical benchlands of the Napa Valley; and our signature blend, Cain Five.

Christopher Howell, Wine-Grower