

BIANCHI

Paso Robles



MERLOT 2006

Bianchi Vineyards
Paso Robles, California

Winemaker
Tom Lane

Vintage

Exciting exciting, our Estate Merlot vines produced their first crop for Vintage 2006! It turned rather dark with beaucoup cherry-fruity and meaty flavors, an excellent start for this year's blend (23%). We round out the bottling with of our familiar and favorite Smoot Merlot (77%). Again Bianchi has a Merlot on the heavier side, a substantial wine. One should really poo-poo the Sideways-effect and check out this Merlot for the substantial red wine that it is. Over 2 years in fine barrels has allowed these wines to rest, polymerize, and develop into the rich libation that begs your sipping, perhaps with a lightly blacked/smoky salmon BBQ.

Food Pairings

Poultry, red meat, pork, pastas, salads this Merlot can handle them all well

Technical Notes

Varietal Composition: Merlot 99.4% Mixed Red 0.6%
Appellation: Paso Robles 99.8% California 0.2%
Residual Sugar: 0.3%
Acidity: 6.6 grams/Liter, pH 3.54
Aging: 27 months in French and American Oak Barrels
Finished Alcohol: 14.2% by volume
Bottling Dates: May 5 and 6, 2009
Total Production: 1198 cases of 750mL bottles