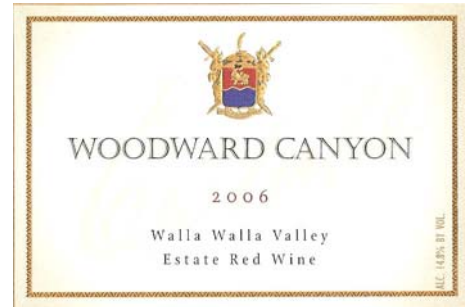


## 2006 ESTATE RED

<u>Varietal Composition:</u>	42% cabernet franc 35% merlot 14% cabernet sauvignon 9% petit verdot
<u>Alcohol:</u>	14.8 % by volume
<u>Bottling Date:</u>	July 15, 2008
<u>Release Date:</u>	Spring, 2009
<u>Production:</u>	294 cases 750 ml 25 cases 1.5L



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### Vineyard:

Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard, *Certified Sustainable; Salmon-Safe, LIVE and Vinea.*

All grapes are sustainably or organically grown at our Walla Walla Valley Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard. The vineyard has been certified sustainable by the International Organisation for Biological Control (IOBC). The IOBC was established in 1955 to promote environmentally safe methods of pest and disease control in plant protection. The vineyard is also designated as Salmon Safe. This wine is 100% from the Estate Vineyard making it a designated Salmon Safe wine.

### Production Notes and Vintage Specific Characteristics:

This Woodward Canyon Estate Red is from the finest Estate Vineyard lots produced in 2006. It is wonderful to once again producing such a classic Walla Walla Valley red wine. The Estate Vineyard has always been a rather low yielding property and 2006 was no different. Average yield was less than two tons per acre. This particular vintage is soft, generous and more approachable.

This wine was fermented in small open top tanks with native yeast and was punched down and/or pumped over two times per day. After pressing, this wine went directly to new French chateau barrels for maturation and development. In June, the wine was raked from barrel, assembled and bottled the middle of July 2008.

The vintage of 2006 gave perfect physiological ripeness. As might be expected with such low yields, the resulting wine is concentrated with generous black fruit and cassis. A breadth of spices and vanilla from new oak integrate beautifully with firm cabernet franc and merlot dominated fruit. A nose of roasted game, ripe fruit and shaved chocolate develops in the glass; the color is reddish purple. A soft, generous texture transitions to a supple, balanced mouth feel; the finish is rich, layered and long. In this wine I am again able to perceive an "expression" or "sense of place" from our Estate Vineyard and I love that! With proper cellaring, this wine should age for ten years.

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### Wine Enthusiast, May 2009

This is Woodward Canyon's reserve – the best lots of Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot creates this very limited wine. It is built to age, and reflects the tight and muscular style that Rick Small has developed over the years. There is a strong mineral-metal vein running through the black and blue fruits, and some very lively spice highlights. Tannins are ripe but firm, and this is a wine that will benefit from further cellaring. *95 Cellar Selection*