

2006 NEIDERBERGER PINOT NOIR

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Dundee Hills

ALC 14.8% BY VOL

"Comforting aromas of vanilla, anise and clove are a welcoming invitation to further explore this multi-faceted Pinot. Very bright flavors of fresh cherry are laced with subtle caramel, balsam and lavender notes. Niederberger's age-worthy tannins can carry the weight of a hearty meal of wild game or lamb. Enjoy from 2009 or cellar this gutsy delight to 2018."



GARY HORNER, ERATH WINEMAKER

APPELLATION: DUNDEE HILLS

VINEYARDS: NIEDERBERGER BLOCK 3, CLONE 777

BARREL REGIME: 14 MONTHS IN 100% FRENCH OAK, 40% NEW

HARVEST: SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

CASES PRODUCED: 192

T.A.: 0.51 GM/ML

pH: 3.79

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

WINE HISTORY

Niederberger Vineyard lies on 16 acres of a hillside adjacent to Niederberger Road one mile west of Dundee. The soil varies dramatically from the top of the vineyard to the bottom. Along the upper slope, just under a thin layer of top soil, is a mix of large and small basalt rocks. The bottom section of the vineyard is more fertile with a deeper layer of soil and a broken layer of small rocks three to six feet below the surface.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

A favorable, mild and dry spring resulted in an exceptional fruit set. Through the summer and fall the weather conditions remained advantageous and the fruit continued to develop under warm and dry conditions punctuated with brief heat spikes. The warm weather continued through September and October which significantly condensed the harvest period.

Cooler and slightly wet conditions arrived in late September as sugar levels began to soar, the delayed rains allowed the fruit to develop mature flavors and achieve optimum ripeness. The 2006 vintage produced red wines displaying a rounded intensity of pure fruit, acid and tannin.

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