

Bottled with love, for the joy of living.

WINEMAKER Michael Muscardini

**CASES PRODUCED** 

152

HARVEST DATE Oct 31, 2006

> BOTTLED Aug 31, 2007

> > pH 3.50

TA 6.35 g/L

ALCOHOL 14.99%

# 2006 BARBERA

Pauli Ranch, Ukiah Valley, Mendocino County

### **VINEYARD**

This Barbera is from the Pauli ranch, a vineyard planted by the Mondavi's just north of Ukiah on the Valley Floor. This benchland vineyard nestles in an old river bed with gravely soil, which helps to produce a full flavored Barbera.

# **VINTAGE**

2006 was an excellent year for growing Barbera. During the summer, we had nice warm days with cool nights, allowing the grapes to mature very slowly, hence the late harvest date of October 31, 2007. The extra hang time gave us just the right acidity.

#### WINEMAKING

The grapes were handpicked late in the season, then rushed to the winery, cold soaked for three days, fermented in open top tanks, and punched down twice a day. This perfect wine really made itself. Barrel aged for twelve months 30% new French and Hungarian oak barrels.

## **TASTING NOTES**

The aromas are of pear and cranberry with lime peel. The flavor is of sweet fruit followed by a burst of cherries with soft tannins. This aromatic, sensuous wine pairs well with food.

# **AWARDS**

2008 SF International Wine Competition ~ Gold 2008 Orange County Fair Wine Competition ~ Silver 2008 LA International Wine Awards ~ Silver

Drink now, or cellar for up to three years. Enjoy ~

Micha- Muscanoni;

