

Bacio Divino Cellars

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We are proud to present the 3rd vintage of our two extraordinary vineyard-designate Cabernet Sauvignon wines – 2006 Janzen ‘Cloudy’s Vineyard’ and 2006 Janzen ‘Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard’. From our numerous Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards, we have chosen our two favorites to produce a vineyard-designate wine. Each captures the purity of the fruit and the essence of the vineyard.

The 2006 yield was miniscule compared to the bountiful 2005 harvest, and our wines benefited from nature’s parsimony. Personally, I was thrilled to make wines in this vintage. These two vineyards are quite different in character; the wines express that individuality and are honest examples of their provenance. Both wines will age gracefully, and could easily be included in your children’s inheritance.

Our own estate vineyard, known as ‘Cloudy’s Vineyard’, faces out from a steep, sunny hillside, glancing westward towards the ocean. It is our only vineyard that lies untilled, the copious rocks barring the tractor’s discs from the meager soil. With no rainfall during the growing season, the roots grow deep in search of moisture and nutrients. The resulting wine is somewhat ‘Howell Mountain-esque’, with notable ripe tannins, balanced with a polished acidity and deep in flavor and structure. The 2006 ‘Cloudy’s Vineyard’, is jam-packed with dense cassis and blackberry flavors and equally intense aromas. The palate is silky smooth with a long, long finish.

There is little doubt that the **To Kalon Vineyard**, owned by Andy Beckstoffer, is widely regarded as a ‘First Growth’ vineyard in the Napa Valley. We are among the small handful of wineries to have a long-term contract for fruit from this coveted Oakville vineyard. In 2004 I was impressed enough with the individuality and ‘terroir’ of the fruit that we decided to create a vineyard-designate Cabernet from a portion of our yield. Our To Kalon is all about grace and refinement. It offers a kaleidoscope of cassis and cherry flavors, balanced with smoky oak nuances. The 2006 vintage has given us a wine that is beyond exemplary; the best we’ve produced to date. It exudes seductive aromas and offers a lush texture that lingers on the palate indefinitely.

– *Claus Janzen*

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