



# CHARLES CREEK

## VINEYARD

### *2006 La Sonrisa Del Tecolote Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley*

Winemaker: Kerry G. Damskey  
Production: 602 cases  
Date of Bottling: November 10, 2008

Appellation: 100% Napa Valley

The Vintage: Kicking off with the dramatic floods of the New Year (no harm done to the vineyards) and rains that continued into the spring, bud break was a bit delayed in 2006. Although a few weeks behind the “normal” cycle, by June the vines had bloomed and fruit had set. A July heat wave may have helped to accelerate ripening but cooler weather in August and continued mild weather through harvest allowed for good flavor development at reasonable sugar levels.

The Blend: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 10% Syrah

Winemaking: 100% Open Top-Punch Down Tank Fermentation  
22 months in French & American Oak Cooperage

The Wine: Rich and ripe, the aromas of black and red berries are accented with vanillin and exotic spice notes. Round and polished in the mouth, the tannins are fine grained and well proportioned supporting flavors that open with dark berry, cherry and plum. The oak contribution of toast, caramel and brown spice marries well with the rich fruit component in this flavorful and deeply pleasurable Cabernet. Drinks well now or through 2014.

Serve with: Roasted or braised beef, game or duck would serve admirably with this classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Stats: Alc: 14.9%  
TA: .62 mg/100 ml  
pH: 3.6  
RS: nil