



Parallel Napa Valley Fact Sheet

The Name: Parallel Napa Valley captures the essence of the lines carved by skis on the first run of the day - as illustrated on the label - the commonalities between Napa Valley and Deer Valley, and path of the lives of the eight partners.

The Wine: CURRENT RELEASE: **2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley**, November 1st, 2008.
Fruit: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc. Price: \$55.00 per 750 ml

The Winemaker's description of the 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon:

"The flavors express ripeness and intensity with blackberries being dominant. The mouth feel is just the perfect harmony of what we worked on during our numerous sessions of blending, a combination of approachability with lush and sweet characters and longevity with dark toast, black cherry, truffles, coconut and finishing with super fine grained tannins and lively fruit." ...Philippe Melka, Winemaker

The Winemaker: Philippe Melka has been with us from day one, years before our first bottling. Philippe was named *Food & Wine Magazine's* "One of the Nine Most Influential Winemakers in the World" and "2005 Winemaker of the Year". *Wine Spectator* called him "One of the aspiring stars of Napa Valley."

The Vineyard Manager: Partners, Jim Barbour and Nate George, Barbour Vineyards. Like Philippe, Jim and Nate are widely recognized to be at the top of their game, and have been the only Vineyard Managers Parallel has ever employed.

The Parallel Estate Vineyards: Parallel is located just northeast of Rutherford and southeast of St. Helena, above Lake Hennessey and across the lake from Prichard Hill. It occupies a very dramatic 62 acre Vaca mountainside ranch with spectacular ridgeline and valley views. The well-drained hillside soils allow us to produce smaller berries and concentrated fruit. With just eight acres planted, we have room to grow.

The Company: Parallel Napa Valley is a partnership of close friends of thirty years, whose business and life successes combined with a love of wine and skiing, have led them to this adventure. The balance between entrepreneurial success and giving back to their communities is a philosophy that has tied the partners together over the years. They have found individual and group success in the areas of real estate development and sales, ski resort creation and construction, education and academia, hospitality and retail, corporate accounting, agriculture and environmental conservation.

As a group they have focused their energy and donated over \$1 million to Park City schools; spearheaded development and fundraising for a 1,200-seat performing arts center; renovated and saved the historic Egyptian Theater; initiated the first student exchange program with mainland China; and served in Rotary, on several non-profit boards, School Board and City Council.

The Partners: Steve and Val Chin, Mike and Toni Doilney, Mac and Ann MacQuoid, Joe and Paula Sargetakis

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Winemaker Tasting Notes from Previous Vintages:

2005 Cabernet Sauvignon:

“In 2005, Parallel's well drained vineyards, especially from the hills, as our estate vineyards and other vineyards selected to produce Parallel, had a huge advantage by growing smaller berries which translated by greater concentrated flavors. The 2005 Parallel blend exhibits sophistication and great harmony between acidity, tannins and alcohol. The wine reveals a deep ruby color; the bouquet is complex, gorgeous, full of intense aromatics of, acacia flowers, black currants, truffle, liquor of cassis and red cherry. Lush, supple and round in the attack, the wine carries on with harmony and depth finishing with ripe, soft tannins and aromas of creme de cassis, fresh red fruit and crushed stones and more.”Philippe Melka, Winemaker

2004 Cabernet Sauvignon:

“The wine exhibits a deep red cherry color. Flamboyant nose combines primary aromas of black raspberry, cassis, flint and vanilla. Suave and sweet, the mouthfeel is impressive with very good concentration of red fruits, currant and plum. The various flavors are well integrated together framed by good acidity. The wine has great a backbone and will age very well.” - Philippe Melka, Winemaker

Inaugural 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon:

“Deep color exhibits a beautiful bouquet of black currants, blackberries, dried herbs, smoke, vanilla and Asian spices. The mouthfeel is generous and packed with ripe flavors of rich cherry jam and black fruits. It finishes with dense tannin, wood and a wonderful licorice character. This wine is distinctive and reflects a sense of harmony and sophistication. I invite you to enjoy!” - Philippe Melka, Winemaker