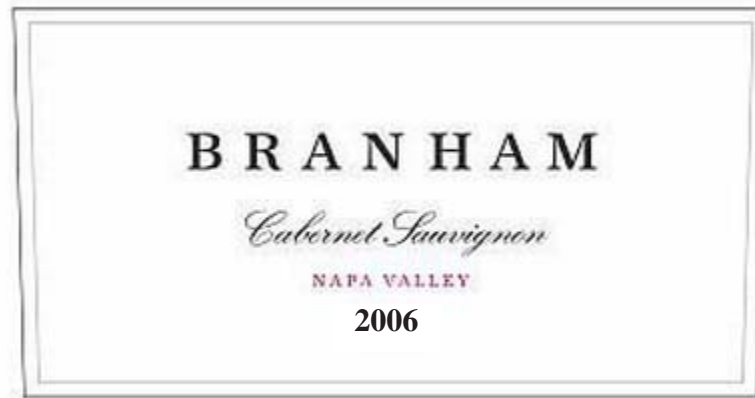


# BRANHAM Estate Wines

The Obsidian Vineyard sits in the heart of the Napa Valley AVA, bounded by the Silverado Trail, the Napa River, Selby Creek, and Bale Lane. Fruit from this vineyard comprises fifty percent of the blend. The remaining forty percent is from grapes boasting Social Register bloodlines: the historic Taplin Vineyard in St. Helena. The 2006 vintage is remarkable for its mild summer and fall with no heat spikes or rain. Balanced tannins and acidity, and dark, layered fruit propel the elegance of this Napa Valley gem.



## *Vineyards*

Obsidian (50%) • Taplin (50%)

## *Varietal %*

Cabernet Sauvignon 97%; Petite Verdot 3%

## *Harvest*

September 25 & October 17, 2006

Brix 25.8 - 3.50 pH - .64 TA

## *Winemaking*

Fermented 12-days @ 89 degrees, Pressed at Dryness to French Oak  
Malolactic fermentation: inoculated at pressing and completed in barrels  
Aged twenty Months in 100% French Oak: 50% New, 50% one-year old

## *Chemistry at Bottling*

14.6% Alcohol

3.65 pH; .62 TA

## *Release Information*

Bottling: June 2008

500 Cases