



## **2006 Saddleback Cellars Nils Cabernet Sauvignon 25th Anniversary**

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from USA, Napa, North Coast, California, USA

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Rating: (90-92)

Drink -

Cost: \$0

There is also a 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon 25th Anniversary cuvee, which may have robbed the regular Cabernet of most of its richness. The outstanding 25th Anniversary bottling, which includes 25% Cabernet from the estate vineyards in Oakville, reveals a dense ruby/purple color, abundant cedar, black currant, and licorice notes, medium to full body, and 12-15 years of aging potential. (Price not yet determined) This is a two-tiered operation with the Saddleback Cellars wines generally made from blends of estate fruit from their 20 acres in Oakville as well as purchased lots. The Venge Family Reserve cuvees are made from nearly all estate grown fruit with small amounts of purchased fruit utilized as well. The Venge Family Reserve wines tend to be the more esteemed, and consequently, are higher priced. This is a fun estate to visit as there is no shortage of personality from the father and son team of Nils and Kirk Venge. The flagship offerings appear under the Venge Family Reserve label. Some enticing wines are produced, largely from estate vineyards in Oakville, but occasionally supplemented by purchased fruit. Tel. (707) 944-1305; Fax (707) 944-1325; Venge Family Reserve: Tel. (707) 942-9100; Fax (707) 942-9121

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