

## 2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Diamond Mountain District*

### THE STORY

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its first vintage of jd, produced from the historic Diamond Mountain vineyards they purchased in 1965 and replanted to Bordeaux varietals beginning in 1994. A creation of the next generation of the Davies family, the jd Cabernet Sauvignon is the product of an intimate knowledge of a place, and a passion to create a delicious red wine. The genesis of jd came about as Hugh Davies and Sean Thompson were re-tasting the barrels of wines remaining after the final blend of 2006 J. Davies. Some of these wines were really delicious but did not fit in the first label's style. It is an integral part of making a world class wine to craft more base wines than needed, allowing the winemaking team the opportunity to select the lots that are in stylistic harmony with the final product. It is in the process of blending where winemakers express their creativity and artistry, and the results of the blend trials were so compelling that they decided to bottle a small quantity of a second wine, jd.

### VINEYARDS

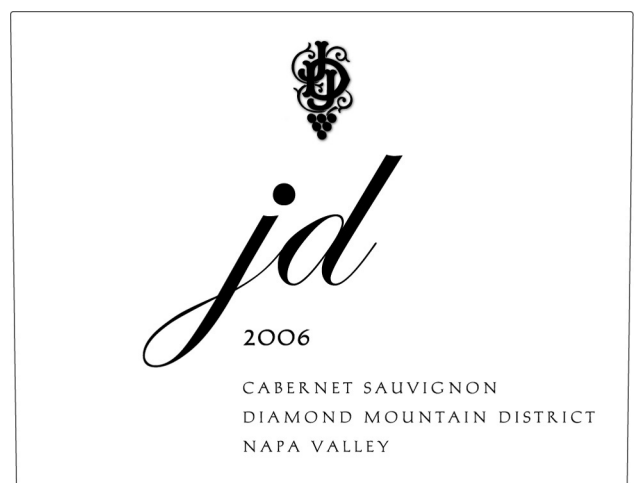
The vineyard blocks, totaling 42 acres, are laid out in three isolated pockets ranging from approximately 500 to 1000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally established in 1862 by Jacob Schram. The third piece is the adjacent McEachran parcel, which was first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878 and was purchased by Schramsberg in 1985. These are the southernmost vineyards in the Diamond Mountain District AVA. Flanked by two cool creek canyons (Nash Creek to the north and Ritchie Creek to the south) and surrounded by dense coniferous and deciduous forests, the vines here produce late-ripening, richly concentrated fruit with average yields of just two tons per acre.

### TASTING NOTES

"Aromas of dark chocolate, cherries, and plum are accentuated by notes of tobacco and indian spice. A bright palate of red raspberry and cranberry is framed by soft round tannins, leading to additional layers of black currant and blackberry on the finish."

*-Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies*

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| WINEMAKERS:           | Hugh Davies, Sean Thompson   |
| VARIETAL COMPOSITION: | 76% Cabernet Sauvignon<br>14% Malbec<br>7% Merlot<br>3% Petit Verdot |
| APPELLATION:          | Diamond Mountain District,<br>Napa Valley, Estate Grown              |
| HARVEST DATES:        | October 3 to November 1, 2006  |
| BARREL AGING:         | 22 Months in French Oak  |
| COOPERS:              | Boutes, Vicard, Saury  |
| ALCOHOL:              | 14.5 %   |
| TA:                   | 0.65 g/100ml   |
| pH:                   | 3.63   |
| BOTTLING DATE:        | September 5, 2008  |
| CASES PRODUCED:       | 308 (9-liter)  |
| RELEASE DATE:         | September 2009   |
| SUGGESTED RETAIL:     | \$40   |



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