



# BLACKBART



## 2006 Marsanne Stagecoach Vineyard, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	April 1, 2008
<i>Vineyards</i>	Our Marsanne comes from a gently sloping south-facing block at Stagecoach Vineyard, containing 2 excellent French Marsanne clones, 574 and a Tablas Creek field selection.
<i>Vintage 2006</i>	The rain that was experienced early in the New Year continued into spring. Bud break was delayed by a few weeks, but by June the weather had turned and vines began to flower and set fruit. In July, a ten-day heat wave was experienced. Any clusters that were sun burnt were removed during cluster thinning. Cool weather dominated early October, which allowed us to harvest our whites at optimum temperature.
<i>Fermentation</i>	Grapes were whole cluster pressed, after which the juice was settled for less than 24 hours. It was then racked to barrel, where 100% barrel fermentation with indigenous yeast was employed.
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	97% Marsanne, 3% Viognier
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	October 2 – 3, 2006
<i>Bottled</i>	August 31, 2007
<i>pH/Brix</i>	3.70 / 26.6
<i>Alcohol</i>	15.2%
<i>Cooperage</i>	Nine months in 40% new French Burgundy barriques – Damy, Cadus & Francois Freres
<i>Production</i>	915 cases



### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*Straw yellow, brilliant clarity; Intense lifted nose, displaying a wonderful complexity of flavors—honey suckle, orange blossom, jasmine tea, almond kernels, fennel, lemon and freshly harvested honeycomb. The palate is full, polished and balanced with flavors of citrus, peach and apricots. The texture is succulent and creamy complemented by a steely minerality. Serve with natural oysters dressed in Champagne vinaigrette, dayboat scallops in tarragon butter, roast pork loin, and cheese soufflé. Enjoy through 2012.*

### KRUPP BROTHERS

Owned by Dr. Jan Krupp and his brother Bart. The estates are comprised of three mountain vineyards: Stagecoach, Krupp, and Krupp Brothers. These vineyards are the sources for their three brands: Veraison, Black Bart and the Krupp Brothers Gold Series.

