



SELENE

2004 DEAD FRED VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Release: October 2006; 93 cases (750ml)

**Varietal
Composition:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards: I wish I could see your face when you first come upon the name "Dead Fred Vineyard." It always makes me smile. The beloved cat of vineyard owners David Goldman and Lisa Cort, Fred found his final resting place beneath the blue oak grove that borders his namesake vineyard, which is located in the Coombsville area of Napa. Just under three acres are planted on soils that range from sandy loam to gravelly and even cobbly loams, with two clones of Cabernet Sauvignon. Eighty percent is 337 on 110R and the remainder is clone 8 on St. George.

Wine Making: In 2004 I started wearing shorts on a regular basis in February. It was warm, it was early, and it was good, especially in relatively cooler growing regions of Napa like Coombsville. The crop was quite light in general but especially at Dead Fred, where we harvested a little under two tons - for the entire vineyard. I fermented it in small open-top fermentors and we got a beautiful extraction. The wine aged for 20 months in 75% new French oak barrels. It was bottled at the end of June 2006 without fining or filtration.

Tasting Notes: Aromas begin with syrup-like blueberry notes and floral character; there is also raspberry, mocha, molasses, hazelnut and pecan, and a hint of tarragon and sandalwood. The impact and intensity of flavor in the mouth is exceptional. The texture is powerful and rich and the flavor lasts long after the first taste.