



2006 MERLOT, ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD

Something new...something different. Up until this Release, Merlot has been relegated to a supporting role in Audelssa's lineup of wines. Back in 2006 we sourced some Merlot from the Alder Springs Vineyard in Northern Mendocino County to help build Audelssa's Summit program. When the time came to put the 2006 Summit blend together last year, it was obvious to us that we had something special on our hands so we held back five barrels for this special bottling. It is dominated by sweet violets and an earthy, savage character on the nose with a seamless texture oozing layers of dark fruit and cocoa in the mouth.

The Alder Springs Vineyard is located in the town of Laytonville in Northern Mendocino County at elevations approaching 2400 feet above sea level. This unique site has become a favored fruit source for some of the most respected winemakers on the North Coast over the last 20 years. We feel extremely fortunate to have access to these very special grapes, and hope you enjoy this wine as much as we do.

This wine should age gracefully for the next 10-12 years.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend:	100% Merlot	Alcohol:	14.5%		
AVA:	Mendocino County	pH:	3.62	TA:	0.531 g/100ml
Production:	120 cases	Aging:	28 months		
Release Date:	September 3, 2009	Barrels:	100% French (various coopers)		

WINEMAKER: Erich Bradley