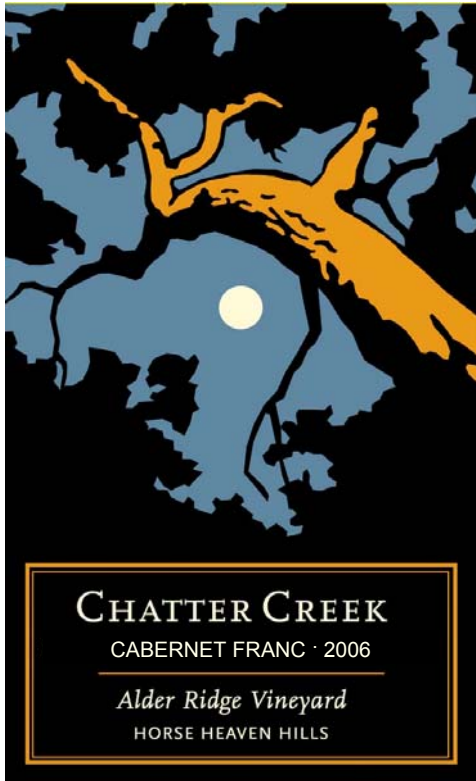


# Cabernet Franc

ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD ~ 2006



## Vineyard Blend

Alder Ridge 100%

## Varietal Blend

Cabernet Franc 83%

Merlot 5%

Cabernet Sauvignon 12%

## Statistics

Bottled April 4, 2008

Cases produced: 150

Cabernet Franc, the “cousin” to Cabernet Sauvignon, is widely grown in France. In Bordeaux, it is traditionally used for blending. In the Loire Valley, it is famous as Chinon. In the United States, it has, until recently, been used mostly as a blending wine, to add brightness to the palate and nose of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Now more people have been enjoying the wine on its own.

The 2006 Cabernet Franc is the eighth vintage bottled by Chatter Creek. This vintage produced very elegant fruit that had plenty of “hang time.” In the vineyard, conditions were dry, but not so hot as to bake out the finesse; the resulting maturity is evident in the fruit and balance of the wine.

The nose shows aromas of blueberry, cranberry, cassis, and peppers. The mouth feel is clean and ripe, with youthful pie-cherry and red berry flavors that are unencumbered by oak. The tannins are well managed, and the finish is fruity, velvety and lingers for quite some time.

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