



2006
LE CORBEAU
HUDSON VINEYARD - LOS CARNEROS

Harvest Date: November 2nd
Grape Source: Hudson Vineyard – Los Carneros, Napa Valley
Blend: 90% Grenache, 10% Syrah
Harvest Brix: 28.7°
Maceration: 15 days non-inoculated
Aging: 22 months in 20% new French oak
Ph: 3.89
TA: 0.55 g/100mL
Alcohol: 14.6%
Production: 597 cases – (12 pack – 750mL)
Release Date: December 2009

Tasting Notes:

Le Corbeau (“The Raven”) is predominately Grenache, made in the style of the seductive and expressive wines of the Chateauneuf du Pape region of the Rhone Valley. About Grenache, we like to say, “It delivers on what Pinot Noir likes to talk about”. This bright ruby-colored wine has alluring aromas of sweet raspberries, wild plums, lavender, earthy mushrooms, and white pepper along with hints of black tea and orange peel. On the palate, it has a smooth entry that leads to a broad mouthfeel with flavors of crème de cassis, blackberries, citrus rind, and intriguing notes of mace and cardamom. This is a “thinkers wine”, very complex from start to finish (note: if you don’t feel like thinking you still will enjoy!)

The 2006 Le Corbeau will age beautifully for the next 5-10 years and pairs nicely with duck, lamb, venison, wild mushrooms, cassoulet and stews.

“Quaff, oh quaff this kind nepenthe” -from Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Raven”.

