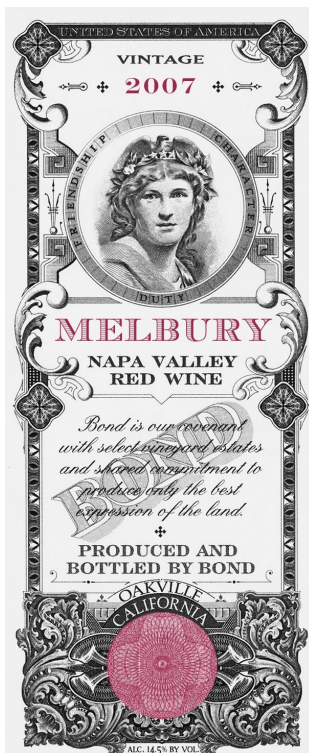


BOND ESTATES

Oakville

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OVERVIEW

In 1997, Bill Harlan of Harlan Estate founded—in collaboration with winemaker Robert Levy and vineyard manager Mary Maher—the Bond Estates, with the intent to identify and produce wine from "grand crus" of Napa Valley. Although this agency's efforts have often been erroneously described as the "second wines" of Harlan Estate, the Bond winery is a separate estate winery located in the western hills of Oakville. Sourced from select hillside estates, the Cabernet Sauvignon-based wines of Bond vividly demonstrate the range of Napa Valley's finest *terroirs*. From the more than sixty vineyards the team has worked with over the past quarter century, they have settled on five sites—select properties that had the potential to define the "Grand Crus" of Napa Valley. These small, hillside Cabernet vineyards, ranging in size from 7 to 11 acres became the basis for the wines of Bond.

Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon

Total Acreage: 45 acres

Average Production: ca. 3,500 cases (about 700 per estate vineyard)

WINES

There are now five separate vineyard wines in the Bond portfolio:

Melbury

From sedimentary and clay soils east of Rutherford, across Lake Hennessy from Pritchard Hill. Typical traits include velvety red fruits, allspice, and violets.

Pluribus

From an estate with volcanic detritus soil 1,100 feet up Spring Mountain, and as one might expect, it is a bold, concentrated wine with hallmarks of plums, coffee and cedar.

Quella

A ancient riverbed covered in volcanic ash just east of the heart of Napa Valley, it has an ineffable delicacy (for Cabernet...) of blue fruits and pencil lead.

St. Eden

Volcanic rock-filled red soil at the bottom of the Vaca Mountains yield a focused wine consistently marked by *crème de cassis*, chocolate, roasted herbs & excellent mineral intensity.

Vecina

A name derived from the Spanish word for 'neighbor,' this volcanic bedrock property is located just southeast of the Bond winery. Marked by a savory power, blackberries and a steady undercurrent of minerality.

ACCOLADES

To reiterate what I have written in the past, Bond is the world-class project of Harlan Estates owner Bill Harlan. It is a simple concept – take 20+-year leases on some of the finest vineyard sites in all of Napa Valley, bring in your own winemaker (the well-known Bob Levy, along with Michel Rolland in the background), and produce these single vineyard wines, with the stuff considered not good enough culled out and blended together into their second wine, called Matriarch. All of these wines are aged for nearly two years in 100% new French oak and bottled with no fining or filtration. They are all meant for 25 or even possibly 35+ years of aging.

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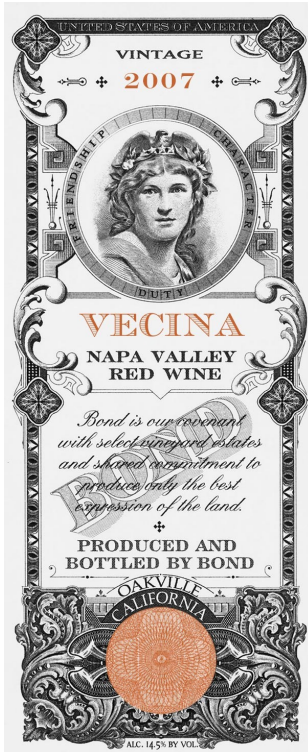
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The **2006 Melbury** has a dense plum/purple color and a big, sweet, scorched earth, creme de cassis and blueberry nose, with hints of charcoal, spice box, and graphite. Rich, well-made, and showing exceptionally well from bottle, it is a wine that will certainly evolve for 25 or more years. **94 POINTS.**

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"The **2006 E Pluribus** (sic), like all of these Cabernet Sauvignons, is youthful, with an opaque purple color and a big, sweet nose of blueberry liqueur intermixed with spring flowers and wet rocks. Full-bodied, powerful, and backward, with sweet tannin but formidable structure, this wine needs to be cellared for 4-5 years and drunk over the following 25 years. **94 POINTS.**"

Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

"From the valley floor vineyard in Oakville, the **2006 St. Eden** has shed some of its tannic clout of last year and taken on a generously endowed style, with stunning black fruits, roasted herbs, sweet cassis, graphite, and new oak. Fleshy and even opulent (an anomaly for a 2006), this is an impressively endowed Cabernet Sauvignon to drink over the next 25 years. **94 POINTS.**"

Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

"The **2006 Vecina** has turned out even better than I expected last year. Graphite/lead pencil notes intermixed with hints of burning embers and charcoal, an opaque purple color, and sweet blackberry and roasted espresso notes are all present in this wine, which is masculine, muscular, tannic, but incredibly well-endowed and a potential candidate for 30 years of aging. This wine needs 4-5 years of cellaring and should last three decades. **95 POINTS.**"

Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

"The newest entry into these single-vineyard wines (which are virtually all 100% Cabernet Sauvignon) is the **2006 Quella**. Dense purple, this wine comes across as the most austere of any of these wines. This dense, rich, elegant wine displays impressive notes of espresso roast intermixed with blackberry and floral-infused blue fruits, but in the finish the tannins kick in, and the wine seems closed and in need of considerable aging. I would sit on this for a good half dozen years, and drink it over the following two decades. **92 POINTS.**"

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