

# HARLAN ESTATE

Oakville

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Bill Harlan



Northern Vineyard, as seen from the olive grove above Southern Vineyard



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## OVERVIEW

The terraced hillside vineyards of Harlan Estate rise gracefully up through the western hills of Oakville. Their dramatic sweep perhaps serves as an implication for the aim of the wine they produce, and indeed these vines yield a singular wine that has become one of the world's most famous "cult" wines. Though this was hardly the goal, it was brought about by minute attention to the details that swirl about the world's finest wines, and Harlan Estate's Proprietary Red certainly has a place at that table. Founded by Bill Harlan in 1984, the 240 acres of Harlan Estate is spread across the grandeur of Napa Valley's benchmark. Harlan has planted 40 of these acres to four of the five classic Bordeaux varieties (Malbec is omitted). The vineyards came on line in 1990 when Harlan produced his first estate wine.

**Varieties:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot,

**Total Acreage:**

40 acres

**Average Production:**

3,000 cases

## WINES

### Harlan Estate

The flagship wine, a Proprietary Red blend of mostly Cabernet Sauvignon with small amounts of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot.

### The Maiden

The "second wine" of Harlan estate, it is an extraordinary second, because it faithfully bears the hallmarks of its Harlan Estate pedigree.

## ACCOLADES

### THE ESTATE

Harlan Estate might be the single most profound red wine made not just in California, but in the world.

**Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate***

Without question, this is a California 'grand cru.' It's hard to imagine another California wine of any stripe that has provided so many fireworks over the past two decades.

**Stephen Tanzer, *International Wine Cellar***

### THE WINE

**2006 Harlan Estate**—Dense and concentrated, with firm dried currant, berry, mineral, graphite and cedary oak flavors that are just beginning to unfold. Drink now through 2030. 2,119 cases made. **95 POINTS.**

**James Laube, *Wine Spectator***

The **2006 Harlan Estate** has turned out better than I originally predicted. Its dense ruby/purple color is followed by classic aromas of creme de cassis, melted licorice, smoked meats, burning embers, and graphite. It has thrown off some of the tannic clout it displayed last year, revealing great balance. A candidate for "wine of the vintage," this dense, full-bodied effort has 25+ years of life ahead of it. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2035. **96 POINTS.**

**Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*, #186**

**2006 Harlan Estate**—Captivating aromas of redcurrant, sage, leather and game, lifted by a floral note. A sweet, juicy midweight, quite primary and closed today but with lovely inner-mouth floral lift apparent already. This is about sweetness more than sheer opulence. Most impressive today on the very long, building finish, which features suave but firm tannins and excellent lift to its lingering flavors of red fruits, forest floor and tobacco. A great performance for the year and sure to be long-