

HAPPY CANYON VINEYARD



2006 BARRACK "BRAND" (Six Pack, 350 cases produced)

BRAND is mostly Merlot with dash of Cabernet Franc and a pinch of Cabernet Sauvignon. The Merlot vines are from two clones planted side by side at the very top of a high plateau which offers 360 degree views of the neighboring vineyards below. As dark and concentrated as the 2004 the 2005 offers an even more elegant expression of Merlot. The wine has a very fine nose with hints of blackberry, plum, oak wood, and currants. On the palate it is very diverse from front to back jammy fruit, hints of espresso, herbs, and tobacco. The wine caresses the mouth. The Merlot is blended with just enough stern Cabernet Sauvignon and spicy Cabernet Franc to make a wine that will improve in the short term but will be at it best in 7 to 10 years.

Retail Price: \$42