



2007 Cabernet Sauvignon - Grand Vin

Appellation: Yountville (Napa Valley), CA

- **Barrel Age:** 20 months (98% French, 2 % Hungarian)
- **Blend:** 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petite Verdot
- **Alcohol:** 14.4%
- **pH:** 3.72
- **Harvest:** September 11 to October 24, 2007
- **Production:** 300 cases
- **Release:** November 2010

The Estate

The vineyard and winery are located on State Lane on a 20 acre parcel in Yountville, in the heart of Napa Valley, CA. It is planted in a dense 3ft. by 5-1/2ft. spacing with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, December 2009 - 100 Points

Absolutely riveting, and even better than I predicted last year is the 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon - Grand Vin State Lane Vineyard. Made from 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, and the rest tiny dollops of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot (400 cases produced), in two weeks of tastings, this wine stood out as one of those singular efforts that it is impossible to get out of your mind and off of your palate. A flawless, seamless, profound example of Napa Cabernet, it exhibits an opaque purple color along with a gorgeous perfume of lead pencil shavings, cedar, creme de cassis, ink, flowers, and espresso roast. With phenomenal depth, a multidimensional personality, unbelievable length, and an impeccable integration of all its component parts, this stunning wine lasts and lasts, with a finish approaching a full minute. Give this profound wine 3-5 years of cellaring, and drink it over the following 25-30 years.

The Kapcsándy Family

This is a fabulous success story, and one of the reasons why the wine world can be so exciting. Former Hungarian immigrant, Lou Kapcsandy, along with his wife, Bobbie, and son Louis, purchased Beringer's old State Lane Vineyard, which was often a component part of the Private Reserve Cabernets, brought in Bordelaise Denis Malbec to over look the winemaking (the vineyard was planted to the specifications of Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer), and in a few short years Kapcsandy began producing world class wines. His Roberta's Reserve may be the finest Merlot-based wine in the New World. Additionally, the rose is also one of the top roses produced. The 2005 vintage was the first year where this estate truly showcased its potential. There are three red cuvees produced, the Cabernet Sauvignon from the State Lane Vineyard, an Estate Cuvee, which is usually a blend of approximately equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot with small quantities of Cabernet Franc included, and their flagship offering, the Roberta's Reserve, which is generally about 90% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc. All three efforts merit considerable attention. They seem to combine the best of French savoir faire (thanks to Denis Malbec and the proprietor's love of French wine) with the extraordinary ripe, pure fruit grown in well-tended Napa Valley vineyards" – Robert Parker, Jr. – The Wine Advocate – Issue 180 – December 2008.