

# FLINT WINES

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## SNOWDEN VINEYARDS 2006 RELEASE NOVEMBER 2009



It's time for our second release of these exciting wines from Napa. When we first tasted these as cask samples they had elements of classy Pauillac about them, albeit quite powerful ones! Diana has continued to exert her authoritative influence over the wines and these should both prove to be stunning in time. We recently tasted (and shipped) some 1998 which is just gorgeous right now so the prospect of these surpassing that wine by some way in years to come is a mouthwatering one. Quantities are, inevitably, very limited, so we may have to allocate. The wines will arrive just before Christmas. Below are Robert Parker's comments on both the estate and the individual wines. Maximum order per person is 12 bottles of each.

"Qualitatively, Snowden is an awakening giant, but as is the case with many Napa estates, production is limited (1,000 cases of The Ranch and 700 of the Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve). These cuvées are produced from one of Napa's most privileged sites, 23 acres of beautiful hillside vineyards above the Auberge du Soleil, and adjacent to the Sloan and Hall properties. Proprietor Scott Snowden, working with his gifted daughter, Diane (who is married to Jeremy Seysses of Domaine Dujac), and consultant David Ramey, is pushing the pedal to the metal at Snowden."

### THE RANCH

**£285ib/12**

"The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon The Ranch (composed of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and a dollop of Petit Verdot) offers up aromas of burning embers, blackberries, cassis, licorice, and a touch of bouquet garni. The complex aromatics are followed by a full-bodied wine displaying velvety tannin, and a bold finish with considerable depth as well as length. Drink this excellent Napa Cabernet over the next 15-20 years. 92 pts"

### RESERVE

**£225ib/6**

"The prodigious 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve (75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 8+% Petit Verdot, and about 5% Cabernet Franc) reveals aromas of flowers, espresso roast, blackberries, and creme de cassis. This exuberant, rich, full-bodied Cabernet coats the palate, but is neither heavy nor overbearing. Sweet, substantial, well-integrated tannins along with decent acidity, and a stunningly long, 50-second finish make for a compelling glass of young, but promising Cabernet Sauvignon. This 2006 should hit its peak in 3-5 years and last for 25 or more. 95 pts"