

# Alexander Valley Vineyards®

## 2006 CYRUS

Our proprietary Bordeaux blend CYRUS embodies two significant tenets of great winemaking: understanding your vineyards and knowing which ones have the capacity for delivering the best fruit. Once you layer on top of that a skilled winemaker who knows how to mesh the components together to compliment each other, you have virtually assured yourself of producing a great bottle of wine.

This 2006 CYRUS reflects all of those elements. Winemaker Kevin Hall selected fruit from seven different vineyards he determined were particularly exceptional in 2006. He then crafted a blend that would live up to the high expectations for this ageworthy wine.

Keeping with tradition, the 2006 is predominately Cabernet Sauvignon. The two vineyards that supplied the Cab yielded fruit with flavors of black cherries and plums. A good dose of Cabernet Franc gives the wine some depth and structure. Finally the whole package got some additional complexity from spending two years in barrel and another eight months in the bottle before release.

The 2006 exhibits lush aromas of black cherry, plum, vanilla and a touch of mint. This big structured wine offers flavors of blackberry, cocoa and some rich mocha. The concentration makes this a wine that could easily cellar for up to 20 years.

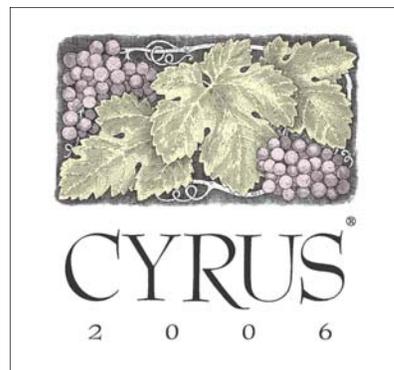
**Food Pairing:** A richly flavored wine like CYRUS deserves richly flavored foods. Try it with horseradish-crusted short ribs or something earthy like a wild mushroom tart.

**Profile:**

- Bordeaux styled blend - rich, elegant
- Showcases best of the vintage
- World Record Selling Wine HLSR Champion Wine Auction \$210,000

### About Alexander Valley Vineyards: Cyrus Alexander

Cyrus Alexander, the man for whom we named our top wine (and the namesake for the Alexander Valley) arrived in the area in 1840 in search of land suitable for ranching. Cyrus was drawn to the property where our vineyards now reside by a number of qualities including good soil and a plentiful supply of water and timber. The adobe he built on the property is currently used by Alexander Valley Vineyards for wine dinners and the original Alexander Valley one room schoolhouse is our guest house.



**Grand Champion & Best of Show -  
2011 Houston Livestock & Rodeo Show  
92 Points - Wine Enthusiast Magazine  
September, 2010  
94 Points - California State Fair  
Gold Medal  
92 Points - Beverage Tasting Institute**

### Technical Data:

Grapes: 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot, 4% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot

Harvest Dates: September 16 – October 27, 2006

Barrel Regimen: Aged for 24 months in French and American oak, 30% new

Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.62      TA 6.6 g/L

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