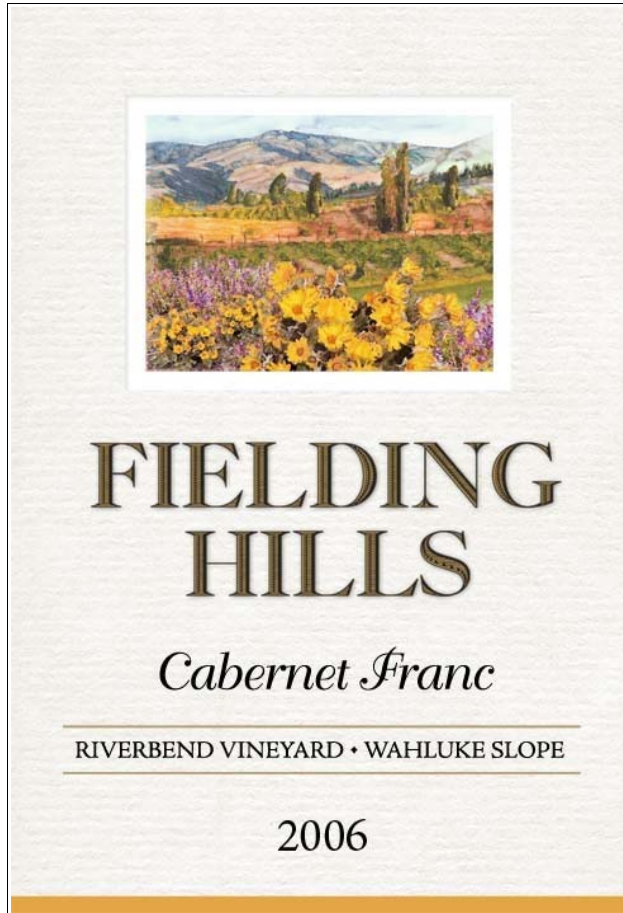


~ Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~



Vintage:	2006
Variety:	Cabernet Franc
Blend:	82% Cabernet Franc, 6% Syrah, 6% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon
Components:	Alcohol- 14.7%; pH- 3.81; T.A.- .60
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope
Vineyard:	RiverBend Vineyards
Winemaker:	Mike Wade, Co-owner Fielding Hills Winery
Harvest:	October 2006 early morning hand harvested into small lugs
Vinification:	Harvest lugs are individually inspected, with grapes clusters then stemmed and crushed directly into small "one-ton" fermentors. The must is then allowed to settle for 24 hours when a combination of Prise de Mousse & Pasteur Red yeast was added. Twice each day the must is checked and punched down. When nearly dry, the free run wine is transferred directly into oak barrels. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered resulting in superb color, clarity, and flavor.
Aging:	19 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels; 77% new
Production:	114 cases
Bottling date:	May 17, 2008
Release date:	October 1, 2008
Tasting Notes:	"Lithe, supple and brimming with raspberry, mulberry and floral aromas and flavors, this glides over the tongue like silk and remains effusive and expressive through the long finish. Drink now through 2014." 92 pts. Wine Spectator <i>(H.S.)</i>

"Racy, and all about red fruits. Juicy red currant, strawberry, rhubarb and cherry run towards the long finish line. Coarsely ground black pepper adds an intriguing background noise. Full bodied and vibrant." *(B.R. Wine Bin)*

"Fantastic aromas of baking spice, licorice, fragrant red berries, and distant cedar smoke. The supple flavors offer a perfect combination of fresh and jammy raspberry with darker berry and spicy currant emerging. A trace of minerality shines through the creamy finish, and you're left thinking of the myriad dishes you could pair with this stellar Cab Franc." *(J. Y. Avalon Wine)*

Fielding Hills Winery was started in July 2000 by Mike & Karen Wade. The grapes are from estate grown, family owned RiverBend Vineyards in Mattawa, WA. The winery is located in East Wenatchee, WA. The winemaking methods utilize a small lot, hand crafted style.

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