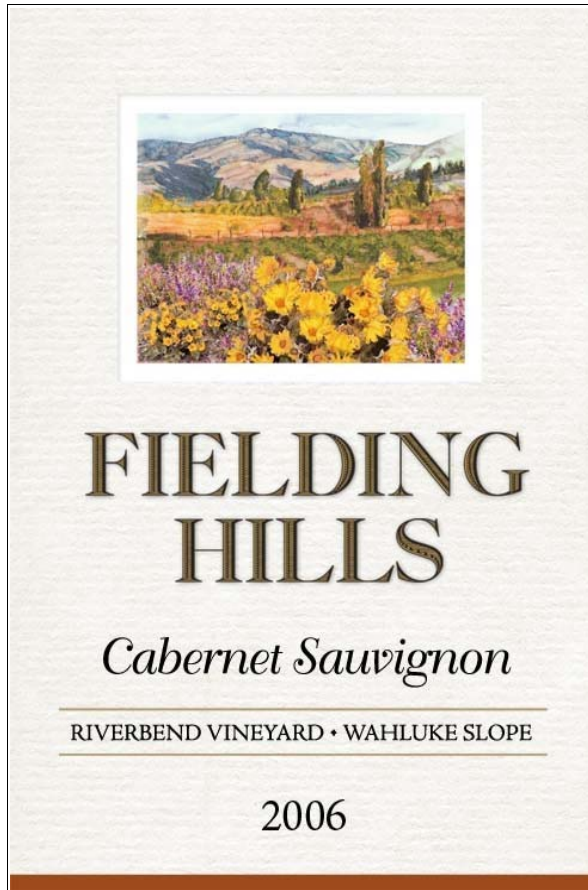


## ~ Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~



<b>Vintage:</b>	2006
<b>Variety:</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Blend:</b>	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Syrah, 3% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc
<b>Components:</b>	Alcohol- 14.8%; pH- 3.72; T.A.- .63
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope
<b>Vineyard:</b>	RiverBend Vineyards
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Mike Wade, Co-owner Fielding Hills Winery
<b>Harvest:</b>	October 2006 early morning hand harvested into small lugs
<b>Vinification:</b>	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 unfiltered and unfiltered resulting in superb color, clarity, and flavor.
<b>Aging:</b>	19 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels; 77% new
<b>Production:</b>	216 cases
<b>Bottling date:</b>	May 17, 2008
<b>Release date:</b>	October 1, 2008
<b>Tasting Notes:</b>	"Smooth and silky, offering a plush mouthful of lavender-accented black currant, cherry and espresso flavors that weave together through the long, vibrant finish. Has great stature and a welcoming feel. Drink now through 2016." 93 pts. Wine Spectator <i>(H.S.)</i>

"An enticing depth of aroma includes black cherry, red plum, nutmeg and brown sugar. These tones are echoed on the palate but are joined by licorice and mineral that center on the core black cherry note. Full bodied with fine tannins and a caressing finish." *(B.R. Wine Bin)*

"The nose is playful, with red berries, black cherry candy and caramel. Then POW! Fielding Hills Cabs capture the essence of Cabernet, with a dense cassis core accented by sweet black cherry. Great structure and balance. The caressing finish echoes with dried herb, licorice, earth, and generous black fruit." *(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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