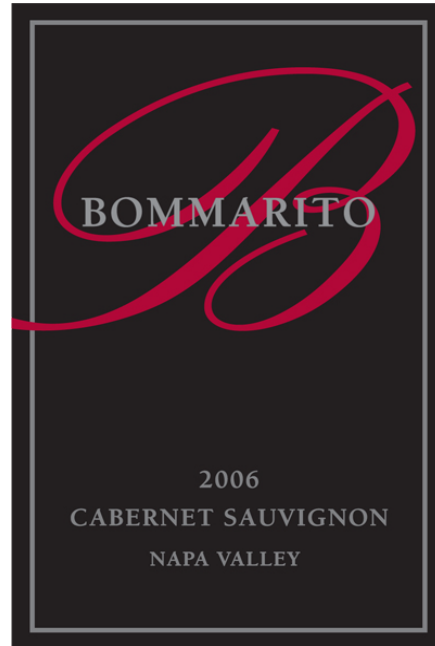


# B O M M A R I T O

*10th Anniversary Release*



### **The Wine**

This marks the 10th vintage of Bommarito, a name with historical roots and a wine that's always enjoyable. This anniversary blend is comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petite Verdot, all grown in vineyards on the floor of the Napa Valley.

### **The History**

Bommarito was an almost forgotten historic name in Napa Valley. Dominic Bommarito, who was born in Sicily in 1889, immigrated to the United States in 1903 and moved to his Rutherford estate in 1929. He was a founding member of the Napa Valley Co-Op at Greystone (now home to the Culinary Institute of America) and tended to his Rutherford vineyard until his passing in 1963. The Bommarito name continues to be used, recognizing the wonderful history of the Napa Valley, its pioneers and its characters.

### **The Vintage & Winemaking**

A mild summer and temperate fall followed a very wet and cool spring in 2006. With added moisture in the soil after the winter and spring rains, the grape clusters and leaf canopy grew beautifully through the summer. Leafing and thinning was the routine in the vineyards in 2006 to keep the ripening process on track.

The grapes ripened very slowly through summer and into October allowing the rich, ripe flavors and sweetness to align beautifully in every grape berry. After 10-day fermentations, the wine was aged in French and American oak barrels for 16 months.

### **Winemaker Notes**

This Cabernet has all of the fruit qualities that make Napa Valley a special grape growing place. From the initial aromas all the way to the finish, the wine maintains balance, finesse and an elegance that makes it easy to enjoy. The Cabernet Franc in the blend adds hints of spice and the Petite Verdot gives color and added structure to this delicious offering.