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2006 Grenache, Shannon Ridge Vineyard, Lake County

With the philosophy deeply ingrained in his psyche that wine is liquid food, Gary Miller, an accomplished chef, parlayed his career in the food industry to follow his passion...winemaking. Gary has worked for such notable wine producers as La Jota, Martinelli and Robert Biale. His own brand, Miller Wine Works, is an expression of all the paths Gary's life has taken, from being raised in a rural, Western New York family to becoming a Napa Valley vintner. As a chef, Gary fully understands the necessity of integration and balance when the fruits of the land intermingle with the fruits of one's labor. Who better than a chef-winemaker to bring forth skillfully integrated, well-balanced wine?

The Shannon Ridge Vineyard hugs the mountain ridges of the High Valley appellation, high above the deep, blue waters of Clear Lake. Daytime temperatures can be very warm, but the lake provides cooling winds throughout the long summer days, and the 2200' elevation encourages cold air from Snow Mountain, and the peaks of the Mendocino National Forest to be prevalent at night. The vineyards are comprised of well-drained volcanic rock, and each vineyard block is carefully fit to the contours of the land. Varietals, rootstocks, clones, vine spacing, and row direction are further optimized to specific soil composition, and to take advantage of the maximum, ideal sun exposure. Grenache thrives here on a 40 % slope overlooking the lake.

Technical Data:

Varietal content	87 % Grenache, 13 % Syrah
Aging	30 % new French oak for 20 months
Titratable Acidity	0.54 g / 100 ml.
pH	3.87
Alcohol	14.7 %
Release Date	January 1, 2009
Case Production	150 cases

Winemaker Notes:

The 2006 Miller Wine Works Grenache, Shannon Ridge Vineyard, Lake County is our first effort from Clay Shannon's immaculate Lake County estate, and represents the return of Grenache to our stable of wines. While somewhat closed on the nose, it exhibits telltale notes of sweet cherry kirsch, violets, and wild strawberries. On the palate it is a wine of medium-body, displaying hints of dark black cherries, raspberries, and earthy red plum, all cloaked in a generous, velvety round mouthfeel.

Suggested Retail: \$ 34.00