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points

**2006 Star Lane Vineyard Estate Grown
Merlot, Santa Ynez Valley, \$36**

Merlot and Santa Ynez Valley are a great match, and Star Lane's '06 shows how well the variety thrives in that Santa Barbara County region. The wine is dry, rich and full-bodied, with beautifully ripe tannins framing black and red currant, tobacco, mocha and herb flavors. — S.H. (12/31/2008)