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2006 Deerfield Ranch Red Rex

WHO: Deerfield Ranch

WHAT: Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Sangiovese, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot

WHERE: Sonoma County, California

WHEN: 2006

This red blend is a real Frankenwine, lots of different parts sewn together creating a bit of a monster. Candied cherry shines through on the nose from the Sangiovese, but on the palate the Syrah blasts its way to the fore. Smoked meat, blackberries, and sage are there, but they're fighting it out with the Cabernet's blackcurrants and black cherry from the Merlot. Tannins are powerful to the point of harsh. Acids are just as big. The two together make for an aggressive mouthful of wine. DH

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