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## **Best Of The Best 2006: Something Old, Something New**

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Crocker & Starr came about when innovative winemaker Pam Starr was hired as a consultant to replant the Crocker Vineyard, a site in St. Helena, Calif., that has been planted to vines since the late 19th century. The partnership produces a full range of varietals, including its proprietary red wine, Stone Place Cuvée, a Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blend that is named for the winery where it is made. The partnership's Crocker & Starr Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2004 is a fresh, joyous white that pours forth from the bottle like a summer celebration. Made from separate lots of Sauvignon Blanc from the Hyde Las Trancas and Crocker vineyards, this fun 2004 dances with tropical scents, while rich, mellow honeydew, exotic blossoms, and jubilant acids swathe the palate.