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✦ 90 **Rodney Strong Brother's Ridge Alexander Valley**
2006, \$75. Rife with black-cherries and loaded with very rich oak, this concentrated young wine starts out with plenty to like in the nose and stays true to its promise with substantial and yet outgoing flavors that exhibit a surprising degree of ease to taste fruit despite being firmed by ample tannins. Close to juicy and redolent of very ripe cherries, it could be drunk up now with a simply grilled steak, but the smart money will be placed on its potential, and we are confident that a few years of forbearance will be handsomely repaid.