

2006 Sonoma County Syrah

Winemaker's Notes

A lovely shade of purple with a reddish hue is the inviting introduction to the complex, smoky, jammy, black cherry, and boysenberry scents, which are classic for the Syrah grape variety. The flavors are brightened and enhanced by small additions of Mourvèdre and Grenache, which add a fresh, bright quality with hints of white pepper. Traces of spicy French oak linger in the finish of this Rhône-style wine. The long, even growing season of the 2006 vintage assured the late-ripening Rhône style grapes would be completely mature and flavorful. This Syrah has the style of a good northern Rhône combined with the forwardness and panache that is California.

Just the facts please...

COMPOSITION	92% Syrah, 5% Viognier, 2% Grenache, 1% Mourvèdre
APPELLATION	Sonoma County
AGING	24 months in French oak, 23% new
SKIN CONTACT	10–15 days
TA	.61g/ml
pH	3.62
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PRODUCTION	8,000 cases
AGEABILITY	Consume now or any time in the next seven years.



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