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Syrah 2005 Massa Ranch Yountville Napa Valley

Vineyard

Our 2005 Syrah, Estrella clone, is grown on the Massa Ranch, our neighbors here in Yountville. Proximity to the San Francisco bay and its moderating influences produces wines deep in color with rich, concentrated fruit flavor and lovely acidity.

Vinification

Syrah grapes were gently crushed to minimize crushing of berries and maximize fruit character. We fermented at 85 degrees-F with a Syrah yeast strain, and extracted color utilizing gentle irrigation over the skins. The wine underwent malo-lactic fermentation and was barrel aged in a combination of French (25%) and American (75%) oak barrels for 17 months. The wine was not fined and received one filtration prior to bottling. The resulting blend received six months of bottle age prior to release.

Vintage Notes

The 2005 growing season began with wet weather, followed by a dry period in March. Rainfall continued well into spring with later than usual bloom and set and we experienced unseasonable rain into June. The cool weather continued into summer with few heat spikes. As September approached we were concerned that the larger than normal crop would not mature as fog prevailed well into the harvest season, keeping daytime temperatures cool. The long cool growing season gave us excellent wines with beautiful structure, great color and high natural acidity.

Tasting Notes

Our 2005 Syrah exhibits wonderful varietal character. Deep purple-ruby in color with spicy fruit aromas, the wine has a rich mouthfeel and distinct, yet elegant, tannins. The oak flavors are in balance with the fruit acidity and fruit flavor to yield an appealing wine, bright on the palate. Aging 17 months in French and American oak barrels adds complexity and finesse, without overpowering the supple fruit. A great companion to food, this wine will continue to mature gracefully for many years.

Technical Analysis:

Varietal	Syrah, 100%
Source	Massa Ranch, Yountville, Napa Valley
Harvest Sugar	25.5 Brix
Harvest Acid	0.51 gm/100ml
Total Acid	0.61 gm/100ml
pH	3.83
Alcohol	14.2%
Aging	17 months in oak, 50% new, 25% French, 75% American
Bottle Date	March 2007
Production	248 Cases

