

2005

Estate Syrah

Crimson Hill Vineyard

93 % Syrah		7% Grenache	
Syrah Harvest Date	Oct. 6, 2005	Grenache Harvest Date	Oct. 14, 2005
Harvest Brix	28.2	Harvest Brix	29.6
Acid	3.8 g/l	Acid	3.90 g/l
Ph	3.91	Ph	4.08

Our 2005 Syrah-Grenache Blend is from our Crimson Hill Vineyard in the Red Hills District of Lake County. The vineyard is at 2000 feet elevation and overlooks the southern end of Clear Lake. The 6.3 acre vineyard block is planted on a well-drained hillside consisting of crimson red, volcanic soil that provides the perfect site for growing great red wines. The climate is ideal for mid- to late-season reds because the vineyard receives daily full sun with warm temperatures in the spring and summer which are tempered by daily afternoon mistrals. This vineyard block is planted with 2.0 acres of Grenache and 4.3 acres of Syrah propagated from two Alban selections and two Entauv clones for complexity.

This wine is an example of the quality that can be attained by the Vigneron “wine grower” when the grower and winemaker are the same. This unique and exceptional wine is the creation and result of all Greg’s experience, passion and effort.

The grapes were gently de-stemmed and then fermented in several open top tanks using multiple yeasts. The vats were punched down twice daily until fermentation subsided. The finished wines were all kept separate and aged in barrels until the final blend was decided just prior to bottling. There were 707 cases bottled on October 2, 2006.

Description: The wine exhibits aromas of concentrated ripe plum, mocha, smoked meats and allspice. The wine bursts with flavors of sweet plum and blueberry, with creamy mocha. This full structured wine calls for heavier or rich fare such as smoked chicken alfredo or barbequed ribs.

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