

2005
Estate Syrah *SCF*
Crimson Hill Vineyard

100% Syrah “Submerged Cap Fermented”

Harvest Date	October 6, 2005
Tons	2.50
Harvest Brix	28.2
Acid	3.80 g/l
Ph	3.91

This is the premier release of our “Submerged Cap Fermented” Syrah 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 4.3 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, a fulfillment of our dream from our honeymoon in Gigondas, was planted in 2002.

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.

This process is very unique. The grapes were gently de-stemmed into a small open top tank. Before the on-set of the fermentation the “submerged cap screen” fitted to the inside dimensions of the tank was inserted to a level just above the must. As the fermentation commenced and CO₂ was released the skins, normally which raise to the surface to form a cap were entrained under the “submerged cap screen” allowing the fermenting juice flow over the skins which were held below the surface of the liquid. This regime allows for a cooler, longer fermentation with quality extraction from the skins due to their constant contact in the fermenting wine. The wine was aged in new French oak barrels. We bottled 125 cases on 10/25/06.

Description: The wine is almost black and exhibits aromas of concentrated mocha and plum, with highlights of white pepper, the wine burst with flavors of smoked plum and berries, as well as creamy mocha. This full structured wine calls for heavy fare such as steak or barbeque. Very tasty!

The SCF Syrah is only available at our tasting room or via direct sales on line. We are open weekends or on the web at www.ggwines.com.