



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

Syrah

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2009

TASTING NOTES

This is a bold, unapologetic wine. After 30 minutes in the glass or decanter, the aromas burst open with deep, dark spicy berries with caramel and toasty tones. On the palate the wine has a huge attack followed by a flood of lush texture. The mid-palate is thick, with a wonderful balance of dark ripe fruit, chewy tannins, a light streak of acidity, and a finish underlined with sweet vanillin oak.

Drink Now through 2016.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

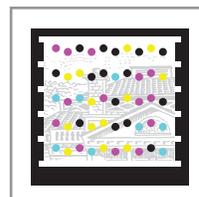
VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

Home Ranch Vineyard *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*
North Block, Southeast Quadrant, Rows 1-22, Clone 174

This Syrah is grown in a small block at our Knollwood Vineyard in Oak Knoll District. This section has generally produced the most complex and deeply textured Syrah. We harvested this fruit on October 11, 2009 then sorted and crushed the fruit into small fermenting bins. The bins were punched down by hand, and after 16 days on the skins, the fruit was pressed off to new barrels. The wine was aged in 100% new oak barrels for 26 months prior to bottling.

Though rainfall was little more than two-thirds of normal for the third year in a row, the timing of the precipitation was on the vine's side. Couple that with the lack of frost and the mild, relatively cool growing season - 2009 counted perhaps only four or five high heat days overall - late spring rains delayed irrigation needs and the warm spell in June helped curtail excessive canopy development. Mother Nature managed to have it all work in unison to give vines and grapes the best scenario possible.

Oak - 26 Months in New Oak, 100%
Alcohol - 14.3%



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