



2002 Estate Syrah - *High Density*
Small Lot Collection

48 cases produced, \$32/bottle

Release Date 03.26.04

production

From our Small Lot Collection, the fruit from this bottling endured naturally-stressed conditions, bearing roughly 1.22 lbs / vine. This .25 acre is tightly spaced at 4' x 3' and planted to four clones of syrah (directly across from our High Density pinot noir.) 100% of the grapes were gently de-stemmed and were fermented in small 1.5 ton open-top fermenters. Total skin and stem contact averaged 30 days (a 6-7 day cold soak, 2+ weeks fermentation and 1+ week extended maceration.) From the press, the wine was hand-bucketed directly to neutral barrels, where it remained sur lie with no SO2 until the waning moon cycle of July, and bottled in December 2003.

tasting notes

This year's High Density bottling exudes a darker aromatic profile than the 2002 Estate Syrah. On the nose, black cherry and blackberry components initially jump out, followed by earthy and meaty characteristics. On the palate, the wine is very plus and pliant with a long, velvety finish.