



2003 Estate Syrah – *High Density*
Small Lot Collection

48 cases produced, \$32/bottle

Release Date 03.21.05

production

From our small lot collection of wines, the fruit for this bottling endures naturally stressed conditions in our very tightly spaced 4' x 3' vineyard which equates to over 3,600 vines per acre. This .4 acre section is a collection of all nine syrah clones we have planted into the estate with yields this year hitting a low of 1.9 lbs per vine. The fruit is 100% de-stemmed and is fermented in one small 1.5 ton open-top fermenter. Total skin contact lasted 30 days (7 day cold soak, 2+ weeks fermentation and 1+ week extended maceration). From the press, the wine is hand-bucketed two gallons at a time directly to two neutral French oak barrels, where it remained sur lie with no sulfur until the waning moon cycle of July. 15.1% alcohol.

tasting notes

Similar to last year's bottling, the 2003 High-Density offers deep and dastardly aromatics redolent of wild herbs and dark berry fruit mixed with a fresh meatiness. On the palate, these same characteristics are more expansive finishing plush and velvety with ample weight and backbone.

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