



2009 Estate Syrah – *High Density*
Small Lot Collection

99 cases produced, \$38/bottle

Release Date 11.08.11

production

The fruit for this bottling endures naturally stressed conditions in our tightly spaced 4' x 3' vineyard. This one-third acre section is a collection of eight clones and is the only syrah that is entirely co-fermented. We always find the fruit from this parcel to provide an unique expression which we largely attribute to its dense planting where the competition for nutrients, water and sun are all intensified. We also feel that fermenting all the clones together creates a harmony of flavor and complexity unique only to this wine. 100% of the grapes were de-stemmed. Yields were 2.6 lbs./vine (2.2 tons/acre). 14.9% alcohol.

tasting notes

More reticent than Donna's, this wine has deep, knotty aromas of wet forest floor, autumn, cured meats and leather. Other intriguing notes remind us of purple flowers, dried dark fruits, Kalamata olives, black tea, cocoa, candied ginger and thyme. The mouthfeel is silky and fleshy, fusing these components together seamlessly with a soft saline quality.