



2006 Syrah

DRY STACK VINEYARD Bennett Valley

> Label Artist: Colin Day

Tasting Notes | Just when you thought is was safe to "predict" this wine, we've added two new vineyard blocks with clones 470 and 174 to complement the 877 and Estrella River of our past bottlings. The result is a gloriously complex wine. Deep purple in hue, verging on black at its core, a beautiful nose of minerals, smoked sausage, pine needles, mint and blackberry is so satisfying you don't even need to drink the wine... but that would be such a waste! A sip offers racy rhubarb, red and black raspberry, black pepper and a hint of carpaccio, all buoyed by bright acidity to deliver a long and lively finish.

The 2006 vintage was outstanding for Syrah, and with the addition of the 470 and 174 clones, this represents our finest Dry Stack Syrah to date.

Drinking Windows | Prime drinking: <u>late</u> 2009 through 2012 Graceful ageability: 2015, perhaps longer

Analysis

pH: 3.67 TA: 6.5 g/L Alcohol: 15.3%

Bottling Date: April 14, 2008 Release Date: October 15, 2008 Total Produced: 285 Cases

Philosophy | We prefer to follow the grapes' lead and offer gentle care as the wine emerges from the juice. If a wine asks for help, we provide it. If a wine is happy on its own, we simply let it be and celebrate its unique evolution.