

2007 Syrah

DRY STACK
VINEYARD
Bennett Valley

Label Artist:
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Tasting Notes | 2007 hearkens back to a cooler vintage like '05, but what a different wine! A clonal mix of 877, 174 and 470 – no Estrella River in this one – plus 1/3 whole-cluster fermentation and more time on the skins has made a wine with layers of complexity, wonderful depth, a medium to full body and great structure.

Dry Stack Vineyard is developing into a tremendous site for distinct and heady aromatics: dark blackberry, black cherry, blueberry, a touch of caramel, pepper, crushed rock, spiced jerky and hints of coffee. The palate this year puts the “dark” in the dark side of Syrah. Brooding blackberry and dark raspberry are enhanced by black pepper, iron, cocoa, a hint of root beer, big yet smooth tannins and just the right acidity for a deliciously long finish. Without doubt this is the most balanced, complex and noteworthy Dry Stack wine we have ever made, with a long and rewarding cellar life ahead of it.

Drinking Windows | Prime drinking: 2011 to 2014
Graceful ageability: through 2017

Analysis | pH: 3.60
TA: 6.1 g/L
Alcohol: 14.4%
Bottling Date: March 23, 2009
Pre-Release: Fall 2009
Retail Release: Spring 2010
Total Produced: 146 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.*