

Renwood "Sierra Foothills" Syrah

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2005 Syrah displays aromas fresh herbs, dark chocolate and fresh berry pie. On the palate, the wine is full bodied and rich. The fruit flavors mingle with the toast and vanilla from the oak barrels. A spicy finish and a good structure help round out the tasting experience.

VINTAGE

The growing season of 2005 started out with a normal spring but the record winter and spring rainfall gave plenty of early growth. A hot early summer continued the growth and berry development and a large crop was the result. The weather remained dry throughout the harvest, resulting in perfect fruit condition.

FERMENTATION AND AGING

Grapes were sourced from four different Syrah vineyards. They spanned the gamut of Foothills macro climates. Jackson Valley is on the west at about 900' and is more "valley like". Our Veauta Ranch and Indian Creek Vineyards border the Fiddletown Appellation at 1,600' and are quintessential "Foothills" climate. The Lamb Vineyard is at 2,800' in the El Dorado Appellation, almost at the edge of viticulture in the Foothills. Each lot was fermented separately in stainless steel tanks providing maximum extraction of fruit and color, with an extremely rich mouthfeel. The lots were then aged for 10 months in a blend of New and Old American oak and French oak. The wine then continued to age in Stainless Steel tanks for an additional 24 months. We felt that the addition of a bit of the white wines Viognier and Semillon really gives this wine some punch and lifts the wine aromatically.



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Technical Data:

2005 Sierra Foothills Syrah



Appellation: Sierra Foothills

Varietal: 96% Syrah, 2% Viognier
2% Semillon

Final pH: 3.74

Total Acid: 0.58%

Aged: American and French oak

Alcohol: 13.5%

Bottled: August 2007

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.00



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