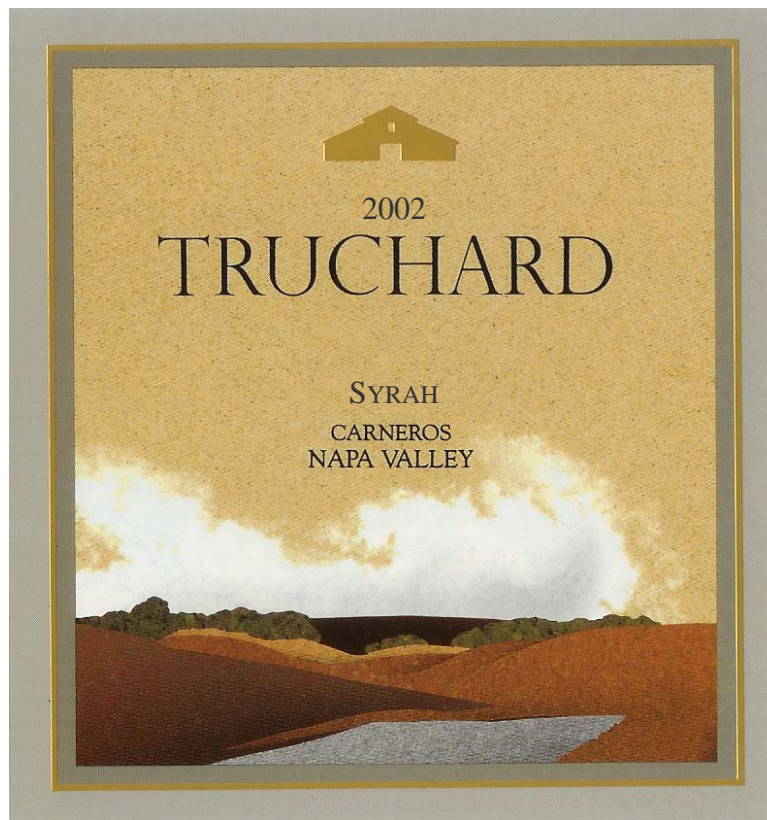




TWO PUFFS, 91 POINTS



TRUCHARD 2002 SYRAH – From its dense, smoky, peppery lightly earthy aromas to its bold, richly fruited flavors and its considerable palatal size, this rich, highly concentrated and well-focused offering is long on varietal specifics. And, for such a generous wine, it does an especially fine job of keeping its perceived alcohol within comfortable bounds, and its trace of finishing heat is quite well-buffered by a wealth of long-lasting fruit.