

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



1994 Syrah

- Vintage Specifics:** The 1994 vintage produced concentrated flavors in our Syrah - perhaps the best yet from this vineyard. The cool growing season allowed for excellent development of the characteristic spice.
- Vineyard:** The vineyard is on the Truchard Estate located in Napa Valley - Carneros. The Syrah is located in the "Highlands" of the Truchard vineyard in rocky, volcanic soil. The unique combination of steep hillside, southwest exposure, and the marine influences predominant in Carneros, combine to produce Syrah comparable to that of the northern Rhone.
- Harvest:** October 8 and 9, 24.3 Brix, 6.9 g/l TA, 3.53 pH
All gently destemmed and crushed to open top fermenters with 20% whole berries.
- Fermentation:** Two lots were inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast.
Punch downs 2X per day, temperature peak to 88°F.
12 day maceration, pressed to tank for settling and then to barrel for completion of malolactic fermentation.
- Aging:** The wine was aged in predominately French oak (20% new). American oak was also used constituting 10% of the barrels. The wine was racked approximately every 4 months until bottling in August of 1994. The wine is drinkable at release and will continue to develop complexity with additional time in the bottle.
- Wine Analysis:** 13.2 % alcohol, 3.78 pH, 6.1 g/l titrateable acidity
- Tasting Notes:**

*Anticipated Release date: April 1, 1996, *Call for allocation info.*

Cases Produced: 888

Price: \$22.00

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