

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



1995 Syrah

- Vintage Specifics:** The 1995 vintage was later than usual providing slow ripening conditions for flavor development in the fruit. This was punctuated by a late warm spell - bringing the fruit to full ripeness.
- 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 flavors in our Syrah comparable to wines of the northern Rhone.
- Harvest:** October 5, 8 and 12, 24.3 Brix, 6.9 g/l TA, 3.59 pH
All gently destemmed and crushed to open top fermenters with 20% whole berries.
- Fermentation:** The three lots were inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast.
Punch downs 2X per day, temperature peak to 88°F.
14 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 raked approximately every 4 months until bottling in August of 1996. 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:** White pepper, blackberry, black cherry fruit. Broad palate with blackberry jam, black pepper flavors and round, chewy tannins. Intense fruit lingers in the finish of this opulent wine.

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