



# Truchard Vineyards

## 2004 Syrah

- Vintage:** The 2004 vintage was nearly identical to the exceptional 2003 harvest. A dry spring with unusually high temperatures affected berry set and reduced yields by about 15%. Warmer summer temperatures easily ripened the small crop and led to an early harvest. 2004 produced big, powerful wines with rich aromas, ripe flavors, and excellent structure.
- Vineyard:** There are 12 acres of Syrah planted on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. Four acres are in the "Highlands" region to the north, and 8 acres are located at the southern end of the vineyard. These areas are dominated by austere hillsides composed of volcanic rock and ash. The vines range from 7 - 14 years old and benefit from the unique combination of soil, exposure, and cool Carneros temperatures. The result is a full-bodied wine, with flavors and structure reminiscent of the northern Rhone.
- Harvest:** October 1 - 18 • 24.8 °Brix • 3.60 pH • 6.8g/L TA
- Winemaking:** All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters with approximately 20% whole berries. Individual lots were inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were punched down twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. After 14 days of maceration, each lot was pressed and allowed to settle in tank before going to barrel. The wine was aged for 10 months in both French (90%) and American (10%) oak; 30% of these barrels were new. Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2005. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 10 - 15 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.3 % alcohol • 3.75 pH • 6.3 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Aromas of cassis, plum, and blackberry; with hints of vanilla, white pepper, and earth. The mouth is layered with jammy flavors of black cherry and red currants; followed by mineral and cracked black pepper. Velvety tannins provide an opulent finish of fruit and spice.
- Release Date:** September 1, 2007  
**Cases Produced:** 2126  
**Bottle Price:** \$28.00