

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



SYRAH—RESTAURANT NOTES

Who makes it?

Truchard Vineyards is a family operated winery that has been growing grapes in Napa Valley since 1973. Truchard Vineyards started making wines under their own label in 1989.

Where it grows?

All of Truchard's wines are estate grown in Carneros AVA. Carneros spans the southern region of both Napa and Sonoma County and because of its proximity to the bay area, it is generally quite cooler than the rest of Napa and Sonoma. The cool climate produces wines that have bright acidity and fresh fruit characteristics. This Syrah is grown on the north side of their property which has more volcanic soils and better drainage.



What it tastes like?

Floral aromas of ripe plum, cassis, and blackberry; highlighted with vanilla, earth, and white pepper. The mouth is rich - layered with flavors of black cherry, berry jam, and red currants; followed by mineral and cracked black pepper. Mouth-filling tannins provide an excellent finish of fruit and spice.

What style of wine is it?

Because of Truchard's farming roots, their philosophy is to focus on the integrity of the fruit produced and to make wines varietally correct, with a sense of place. Their wines trade opulence for balance and elegance. This northern Rhone style Syrah is smokey and gamey, as opposed to a fruity and jammy Aussie Shiraz.

What it pairs with?

This Syrah pairs excellent with heartier dishes, stews, and lamb. For lighter, fair it would go well with heavily spiced/seasoned/herbed chicken or pork.

The wine in Ten Words or less –

California Cote Rotie, smoky with a little funk.

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