



HILL FAMILY
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2007 Clarke Vineyard Syrah

Production: 373 cases

Composition: Syrah 99%, Cabernet Sauvignon 1%

Vineyards: 99% Clarke Vineyard, American Canyon, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon, Baker Cooperage: 12 months in oak barrels, 12% in new Hungarian oak, 28% in new French oak (Francois Freres and Saury), 18% in older American bbls, and remainder in older French bbls

Alcohol: 15.4% alc, 3.58 pH, 0.60 TA

The Clarke Vineyard in American Canyon has a cool breezy climate that brings out the depth and finesse of the Syrah grape. Using mostly 877 clone, and a little 383 gives grace and complexity to a powerhouse Syrah, with just a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon for a more serious note. 2006 was a cool year that warmed up at the end to give the concentration so important in Syrah.

Tasting notes:

Nose: Starts with a toasty earthy aroma and progresses to a deeper raspberry and chocolate aroma

Palate: Rich and tasty, again the raspberries and dark chocolate come alive on the palate with plenty of plush texture, but the finish is clean and smooth, inviting the next sip.