



HILL FAMILY
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2005 Napa Valley Syrah

Production: 229 Cases
Composition: 100% Syrah
Vineyards: Three Hills Vineyard
Appellation: Oak Knoll
Elevation: Valley Floor
Vine Age: 6 years
Cooperage: 16 months in 40% new French Oak
Alcohol: 15.34%, pH 3.6, TA 0.62, RS 0.71

Dark cassis black cherry nose with hints of exotic spice. The palate has big dark chocolate and black cherry flavors. Rich and generous with vanilla spice on the long finish.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

2005 was one of the coolest years on record. A late rain and cool summer weather with fog set many vineyards up for both hot and cool climate flavors. Even into the fall and all the way through November when the rains started, there was no real hot weather. The Three Hills vineyard in Oak Knoll is a young Syrah vineyard with four different clones. This Syrah is from the Cote Rotie and 877 clones. Even with the cold weather, significant shriveling and leaf loss had occurred. Flavors were getting into the fraise du bois and raspberry area, with some chewy bouncy texture and brown seeds.