



Our fourth vintage of hand crafted Syrah continues to highlight the warmer climate, gravelly well drained soils and overall terroir of the La Ribera Vineyard. Located along the Russian River, the Syrah block was planted in 2001 using clones 1 and 877. Similar in style to the wines of the northern Rhone, this wine is 100% Syrah.

The beginning of 2006 was ominous indeed with the New Years flood, but what followed was an outstanding and bountiful growing season. An intense heat spike in late August left us worried that the Syrah would ripen prematurely but moderate weather prevailed for the next five weeks and the grapes were allowed to hang until the end of September.

The wine is full bodied and deep purple with complex aromas of blackberry jam, pie crust, blackcurrant, spices and a hint of roasted meat. The palate is full and complex with abundant yet balanced tannin. Flavors of blueberry pie, black currant, vanilla, coco butter with a suggestion of tobacco and spice mingle seductively on the tongue. This wine pairs superbly with game and savory dishes.

Harvest Date: September 27, 2006  
Sugar at Harvest: 25.2° Brix  
Alcohol: 14.4%  
Total Acid: 0.60g/100 mL  
Cases Produced: 430