



SYRAH

2009/Walla Walla Valley

Vineyard: Morrison Vineyard 100 %

Grapes: Syrah 100%

Vintage Season: Late start, warm summer, rapid ripening

Barrels: French Oak, 40% new, 20 months

Time in Cellar: Bottled May, 2011

Aroma: Cherry, chocolate truffle, tulip

Taste: Sweet cherry, pepper, black olive

Alcohol: 14.6%

Lot Size: 245 cases produced

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2009 Vintage had a late start, with a warm summer accelerating the ripening period to normal to early dates. The vintage showcases fruit character and ripeness, while tannin and acidity take a backseat in contrast to 2008. Morrison Vineyard has been the heart of our Syrah program since 1997, so I'm very happy we chose to produce this Syrah as a single vineyard wine. It's of deep purple black color. The nose opens with cherry, chocolate, dusky tulip, and leafy forest floor notes. The palate is broad and warm, highlighting sweet cherry fruit, black pepper and black olive, all supported by perfectly balanced brightness and fine tannin. Lengthy cherry fruit and a light smoky note fill out the finish. I predict a cellar life of five to eight years.

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