



Bottled with love, for the joy of living.

WINEMAKER

Michael Muscardini

CASES PRODUCED

159

HARVESTED

Oct 29, 2006

BOTTLED

Aug 31, 2007

pH

3.60

TA

6.35 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.6%

2006 SYRAH

GRACIE CREEK VINEYARDS

SONOMA VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARD

This Syrah is from a small, 1.2 acre vineyard in Sonoma Valley. The vineyard produced just two tons!

VINTAGE

2006 was a very good year to grow grapes. Long, hot days raised the sugars up to ultra-ripe. This vineyard lies in the northern Carneros region. Nights are cool, adding to a long hang time.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand picked when they were ultra-ripe, rushed to the winery to be hand sorted, cold soaked for four days, then fermented in open-top tanks and punched down twice a day. They were aged twelve months in 30% new French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is an intense purple, almost black in color. The initial aromas are of smoked meats and dark chocolate, with overtones of violets and raspberries and a hint of toasty oak and black pepper spice. The dark berry fruit flavor explodes with a big-mouth feeling and a smoky character in the finish.

AWARDS

2008 North of the Gate ~ Silver

Drink now, or cellar up to five years.

Enjoy ~

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