



NORD ESTATE WINES

2006

Napa Valley

DIVERSITY

Syrah

DIVERSITY is hand selected from the top Syrah lots each year. Enjoy!

Harvest Report

A cool spring gave way to a very warm summer, which developed Syrah's fruit flavors magnificently. Beautiful fall weather allowed the fruit to hang until perfect ripeness was achieved. The grapes were harvested late in October, just before the first fall rains.

Vineyard

Located on a registered historic property north of Napa, Page Nord Vineyards is known for its high-scoring vineyard-designate Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon wines. Located on the banks of Dry Creek, the vineyard benefits from the moderated heat and exposure that the mid-valley region enjoys. A flagship vineyard in the Nord's sustainable farming program, the site sees abundant wildlife resulting from its land and creek stewardship projects.

Tasting Notes

Diversity has a velvety smooth texture followed by a powerful finish. Intense and concentrated dark fruit flavors of blackberry, black cherry, chocolate and spice are complimented by well-integrated tannins. Enjoy now or cellar for years.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand harvested in the cool morning hours. A relatively cool fermentation, coupled with twice daily pumpovers yielded a wine of great smoothness and character. A period of extended maceration followed the gentle fermentation, and a mix of new and old oak give medium tannins and a complete mouth feel. Wines were topped monthly and racked every 6 months.

Vineyard Data

Location.....north Napa, Oak Knoll AVA
Elevation.....80'
Vineyard age.....planted 1997 and 2004
Soil type.....Cole gravelly silt loam
Clone.....172 and Estrella
Rootstock.....110R
Spacing.....8 x 6
Trellis.....Vertical shoot positioning
Row orientation.....68° (NE-SW)

Wine Data

Harvested.....10/27/2006
Harvest Brix.....26.4
Alcohol.....14.9 %
Total Acidity.....0.64
pH.....3.65
Barrels.....15% new French, 21 months
Bottling Date.....8/18/2008
Production.....98 cases
Composition.....80% Syrah, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

Nord Vineyards: Sustaining Napa Valley's legacy of world-class wine.

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