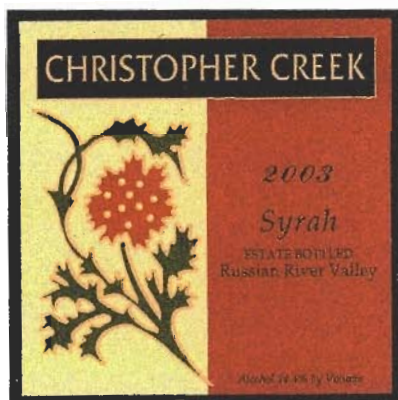




Christopher Creek Winery

2003 Russian River Estate Bottled Syrah



At Christopher Creek we take special care in the management of our vineyards, and as always we hand-pick, hand-sort and hand-macerate our fruit to produce a distinct wine from "our" edge of the Russian River Valley! The 2003 Estate Bottled Syrah is no exception.

Produced from grapes grown at the winery site, our 2003 Estate Bottled Syrah displays black plum and black cherry with tastes of cocoa, spice, minerals and subtle smoky notes. On the palate, the texture is smooth and ample with a very long complex finish created by the rich, yet soft tannins. We would recommend bottle aging this wine for at least a year before drinking to let the tannins soften and the fruit fully develop. We would expect this wine to age well for 5-7 years.

Try our Syrah with Barbecued, Marinated Tri-Tip roast, Game Birds, Lamb, Beef Stew or Spicy Foods (Mexican, Chili, Exotic). Syrah is also a great food companion to chocolate.

Gold Medal- Tasters Guild, May, 2005

Silver Medal-Jerry D Mead's New World Wine Competition, February, 2005
Silver Medal-The SF Chronicle No. CA. Wine Competition, February 2005
Silver Medal-Grand Harvest Awards, February, 2005
Silver Medal-North of the Gate Wine Competition, April 2005
Silver Medal-Riverside International Wine Competition, April 2005
Exceptional- Dan Berger's Vintage Experience, February 10, 2005

2002 Vintage

Gold Medal-Pacific Rim International Wine Competition (Top 5% of all wines entered), April 2004
Silver Medal-Orange County Fair, June 2004
Silver Medal- Long Beach Grand Cru, August 2004

2001 Vintage

Silver Medal- Sonoma County Harvest Fair, September 2003
Silver Medal-Riverside International Wine Competition, April 2003
Silver Medal-Tasters Guild International, May 2003
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2000 Vintage

Silver Medal-Sonoma County Harvest Fair, September 2002
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1999 Vintage

Best of Class (Best Syrah) Gold Medal-Sonoma County Harvest Fair, September 2001
"93" Australian & California Shootout, August 2001
Gold Medal-Tasters Guild International, April 2000

Harvested September 2003— 3.2 tons/acre
Aged 13 months in French Oak Barrels
Released Spring 2005
484 Cases Produced

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