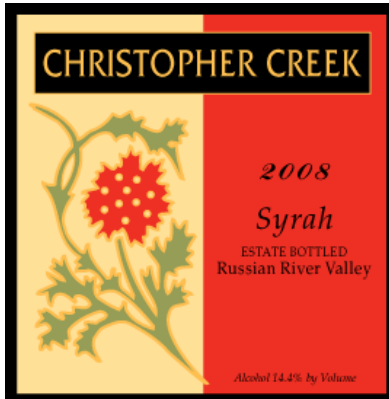




Christopher Creek Winery

2008 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 very light 2008 vintage is no exception.

Produced in the Classical French Style from multiple clonal grapes grown at the winery site, our 2008 Estate Bottled Syrah displays juicy black plum, blackberry, vanilla and rich Bing cherry with tastes of milk chocolate, minerals and slight subtle smoky notes. On the palate, the texture is smooth and ample with a very long smooth complex finish created by the rich, yet soft tannins and a rich full mouth feel. We would recommend bottle aging this wine for at least a year before drinking to let the tannins soften and the fruit fully develop. Properly cellared, we would expect this wine to age well for 6-10 years. Try our Syrah with Barbecued, Marinated Tri-Tip

roast, Game Birds, Lamb, Beef Stew or Spicy Foods (Mexican, Exotic Asian Infusions). Syrah is also a great food companion to chocolate.

2007 Vintage

Silver Medal— Riverside International Wine Competition, April 2009

2006 Vintage

Silver Medal— Tasters Guild International, May, 2008

Gold Medal— Sonoma County Harvest Fair, September 2009

2005 Vintage

Best of Class-New World International Wine Competition (Jerry Mead), April 2007

Silver Medal-Pacific Rim International Wine Competition, April 2007

Silver Medal— Sonoma County Harvest Fair, September 2007

2004 Vintage

Gold Medal— Tasters Guild, May, 2006

Gold Medal- “North of the Gate” Wine Competition SAVOR Wine Magazine, May 2006

2003 Vintage

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

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

Harvested September 7 and 8, 2008— 2.5 tons/acre at 24.4 Brix
Aged 13 months in French and American Oak Barrels PH 3.71 at Bottling
Released Spring 2010
315 Cases Produced

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**WINE PROFILE
STYLE
2008 RR Estate Bottled Syrah**

Light Bodied	Medium Bodied	Full Bodied
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Drink Now (0-3 Years)	Will Age (3-5 Years)	Will Age (6-10 Years)
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Slightly Fruity	Fruity	Very Fruity
<hr/>	X	<hr/>
No Tannins	Softer Tannins	Heavier Tannins
<hr/>	X	<hr/>
Low Acidity	Medium Acidity	Higher Acidity
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No Resid Sugar-Dry	Off Dry	Sweet
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Comments:

Tannins will continue to soften as wine ages. Will handle higher acid and spicy foods. Classical Syrah Style. Begin to serious drink Fall 2011. Buy at least 6 bottles and enjoy a bottle each year. 2005 was “Best of Class” winner.