



Christopher Creek Winery NEEDS

2008 Russian River Estate Bottled Reserve Syrah



The 2008 Estate Bottled Reserve Syrah was produced from a selection of Syrah barrels that showed the best aging potential. This full bodied well structured wine reflects the exceptional quality of the multi-clonal Syrah grapes grown on the multi-age vines on the hillside at the winery estate. The 2008 vintage was a short crop (about 50% less) resulting in wine that is more concentrated and exceptional.

The color is dark violet and the fruit characteristics include black cherry, blackberry and boysenberry with a slight hint of pomegranates and peppery, smoky accents. On the palate, the wine is rich and balanced with a long gripping, jammy finish. Drinkable now with decanting, this wine will nevertheless mature gracefully

over the next 8-10 years as the generous tannins soften.

Versatile with food, Syrah pairs well with grilled red meat dishes, duck, Mediterranean-style food (olive oil, garlic, rosemary and thyme are its friends) as well as spicy food and cheese.

SILVER MEDAL– San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, January 2011

2006 Vintage

GOLD MEDAL– Riverside International Wine Competition, April 2009

SILVER MEDAL– Orange County Fair, June 2009

SILVER MEDAL– Tasters Guild International, April 2009

SILVER MEDAL– CA State Fair, June 2009

2005 Vintage

SILVER MEDAL– Sonoma County Harvest Fair, September 2007

SILVER MEDAL– San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, January 2008

2004 Vintage

SILVER MEDAL– Tasters Guild International, May 2006

SILVER MEDAL– “North of the Gate” Wine Competition (SAVOR WINE MAGAZINE), May 2006

2003 Vintage

SILVER MEDAL– Sonoma County Harvest Fair, September 2005

2002 Vintage

SILVER MEDAL– Orange County Fair, June 2004

Harvested September 9, 2008— 2.6 tons/acre TA 2.6

Aged in French Oak Barrels PH 3.79 at Bottling

191 Cases Produced

Released August 2010

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

Light Bodied	Medium Bodied	Full Bodied
_____	_____	_____X_____
Drink Now (0-3 Years)	Will Age (3-5 Years)	Will Age (8-10 Years)
_____	_____	_____X_____
Slightly Fruity	Fruity	Very Fruity
_____X_____	_____	_____
No Tannins	Softer Tannins	Heavier Tannins
_____	_____	_____X_____
Low Acidity	Medium Acidity	Higher Acidity
_____	_____	_____X_____
No Resid Sugar-Dry	Off Dry	Sweet
_____X_____	_____	_____

Comments:

Tannins will continue to soften as wine ages. Will handle higher acid and spicy foods. Classical Syrah Style. Begin to serious drink Late Fall 2011 with decanting. Buy at least 6 bottles and enjoy a bottle each year. Classic Vintage.