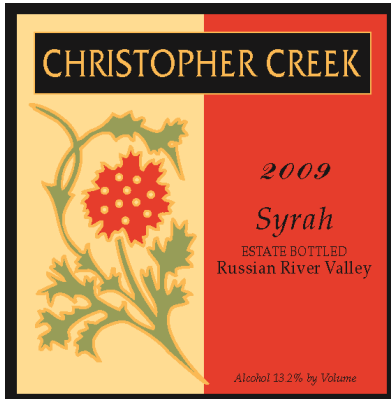




Christopher Creek Winery

2009 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 2009 vintage is no exception.

Produced in the Classical French Style from multiple clonal grapes grown at the winery site, our 2009 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 6-8 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.

Silver Medal– Tasters Guild International, May , 2011

2008 Vintage

Gold Medal– San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, January 2011

2007 Vintage

Gold Medal– San Diego International Wine Competition, April 2010

Silver Medal–New World International Wine Competition, April 2010

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

Harvested September 2009— 3.1 tons/acre at 24.5 Brix
Aged 13 months in French and American Oak Barrels PH 3.79 at Bottling
Released Spring 2011
358 Cases Produced

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**WINE PROFILE
STYLE
2009 RR Estate Bottled Syrah**

Light Bodied	Medium Bodied	Full Bodied
_____	_____X_____	_____
Drink Now (0-3 Years)	Will Age (3-5 Years)	Will Age (6-8 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 Fall 2013. Buy at least 6 bottles and enjoy a bottle each year.