

2007 MAROON SHIRAZ

RELEASE DATE	May 2010
PRODUCTION	150 cases
APPELLATION	100% Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley
BLEND	100% Shiraz
ANALYSIS NOTES	14.5% Alcohol 0.64 g/100mL TA 3.74 pH



Winemaking Notes

The Syrah was picked at full ripeness and fermented in small bins. The grapes were punched down by hand, and a small amount of stems were retained in the fermenting must to enhance the naturally spicy tendencies of the grape.

The grapes were pressed at dryness, and racked clean to barrels where the wine was aged for 20 months prior to bottling. The wine was gently racked every 5-6 months during the aging process to help clarify the wine by gravity and give the wine a breath of fresh air from time to time.

The Wine

The wine starts out with impressive brambly-berry aromas, which opens up to spicy, gamy, plum sauce and peppery aromas. There are nice hints of sweet vanilla and mocha coming from the oak. It is deep ruby in color, which is typical for our Syrah. The wine itself is very full in body, and the spicy component carries over to the flavors, which are full of dark berry fruits with dark chocolate undercurrents. The finish is long, and the medium-strength tannins frame this voluptuous wine wonderfully.

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