



2008 SYRAH

Columbia Valley

Daven Lore
winery

CASES PRODUCED: 51

WINEMAKER NOTES

Once again this vintage is a combination of two fantastic growing regions: the Horse Heaven Hills at Alder Ridge and Newhouse Vineyard on Snipes Mountain. Barrel aging almost two years created a caramel, toffee, and chocolate combination that makes this a soft, creamy, and silky wine. Don't worry about fruit, it's there! The black raspberry reminds me of picking black caps on our family farm in Ontario, and the dark cherry and plum mixes with the licorice note.

Gord Taylor, Winemaker

VINEYARDS

Location: ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

Date Planted: 1998

Soil: Blow sand over loess

Slope: South

Location: NEWHOUSE VINEYARD, SNIPES MOUNTAIN

Date Planted: 1999

Soil: Harwood-Burke-Wiehl silt loam formed in the Snipes MT conglomerate. High level of worn river cobbles prior to last ice age.

WINEMAKING

SYRAH ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

Harvested by Hand: October 8 2008

Brix: 25.0 **pH:** 3.6

Yeast: ICV D21

Fermentation: 9 days **Maximum temperature:** 82°F

SYRAH NEWHOUSE VINEYARD

Harvested by Hand: October 8 2008

Brix: 26.8 **pH:** 3.88

Yeast: Premier Cuvee

Fermentation: 7 days **Maximum temperature:** 84°F

MOURVÈDRE FAR AWAY VINEYARD BLOCK 15

Harvested by Hand: November 5 2008

Brix: 22.8 **pH:** 3.49

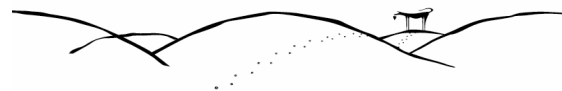
Yeast: D-254

Fermentation: 8 days **Maximum temperature:** 82.5°F

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Wine Lore: We call it Syrah, but in Australia, they call it Shiraz. The general belief is that this fine Rhone varietal made its way to France from the town of Shiraz in ancient Persia (modern day Iran). And the Persians were known for their high quality red wine, which they called "Shirazi". Whether you call it Syrah, or call it Shiraz, it is a rich deep red to be enjoyed - from the Columbia Valley in Washington State, of course!



TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 15.5%

Final pH: 3.65

Blend:

44.3% Syrah Alder Ridge Vineyard

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11.4% Mourvèdre Far Away Vineyard

Potential Aging: 5-10 years

FOOD PAIRINGS

Rich, red pasta dishes like Lasagna
Lamb

Chocolate in any form

