

# Syrah

LONESOME SPRING RANCH, YAKIMA VALLEY ~ 2006



## Vineyard Blend

Lonesome Spring 100%

## Varietal Blend

Syrah 100%

## Statistics

Bottled July 21, 2008

Cases produced: 550

The vineyard at Lonesome Spring Ranch, planted in 1997, is in the lower Yakima Valley near Benton City. The vineyard soils are mostly broken basalt and caliche, covered with dust. The site is warmer and harvested earlier than most other vineyards of the lower Yakima Valley. The result is fruit that is quite dark and rich, without being over-ripe or high in alcohol.

The vines are now nine years old, which results in a greater concentration and depth of flavor than in previous vintages. The wine shows this with its rich purple color and aromas, with hints of blackberry, sage, plum and pan drippings that waft from the glass. There is also a racy acidity at the attack that propels the flavors in this richly extracted, well-balanced classic Syrah. Firm tannins hold the experience in balance without being austere. Finally, the long-balanced finish hangs on until giving way to a silky hint of toasted nuts.

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