

SYRAH RESERVE 2004
CHELLE MOUNTAIN VINEYARD
Shiraz 1, Rootstock 5C

This extremely limited wine represents our entire 76 case production from the Chelle Mountain Vineyard. The site lies only 8 miles from the Pacific Ocean in the coastal-influenced York Mountain AVA (American Viticultural Area). Located on a mountain peak on Shadow Canyon Road (1,500 feet in elevation), the vineyard is frequently fog-shrouded until midday and is even significantly cooler than the westside of Paso Robles. At low yields of 1 to 1.5 tons per acre, this small 3 acre vineyard (planted to the Shiraz 1 clone) shows a maturity and flavor profile similar to the classic Cote Rotie in the northern Rhône of France.

York Mountain's longer growing season gives us a wine of seamless integration, structure, grip, and focused flavors. An exciting contrast to Paso Robles styled Syrahs, this cooler climate version delivers the bright fruit-driven concentration of red and black berries (think boysenberries) together with high-toned licorice aromatics. Celebrated as a great vintage, the 2004 season offers generous flavors and density with nuances of loamy soil and minerality intermingled with hints of lavender and fine English leather. Drink now through 2014.



VINEYARD DETAILS:

AVA: York Mountain
Vineyard: Chelle Mountain
Elevation: 1,500 feet
Grade: 30%
Soil: Clay Loam and Calcareous Limestone
Clone: Shiraz 1
Rootstock: 5C
Planted acres: 3

VINTAGE DETAILS:

Variety: 100% Syrah
Cases: 76 cases produced
Release Date: May 1, 2007
CA Suggested Retail: \$45

HARVEST DATE:

October 5th, 2004

TECHNICAL DATA:

Alcohol: 15.1%
pH: 3.76
TA: 6.0 g/L
Brix: 24.5°
Yield: 1 – 1.5 tons/acre
Fermentation: 100% barrel fermented

COOPERAGE:

Barrel aged 20 months in 100% French oak. (30%new)
Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on September 11th, 2006.