



HILL FAMILY
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2006 Clarke Vineyard Syrah

Production: 322 cases

Composition: Syrah 97.5%, Viognier 2.5%

Vineyards: 97.5% Clarke Vineyard, American Canyon, 2.5% Viognier, Stagecoach

Cooperage: 16 months in 100% French Oak, 50% new Francois Freres and Saury

Alcohol: 15.5% alc, 3.68 pH, 0.60 TA

The Clarke Vineyard in American Canyon has a cool breezy climate that brings out the depth and finesse of the Syrah grape. Using mostly 877 clone and a little 383 gives grace and complexity to a powerhouse Syrah, with just a touch of Viognier for an exotic note. 2006 was a cooler year that warmed up at the end to give the concentration, which is so important in Syrah.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

Nose: Starts with a lovely vanilla crème soda and progresses to a deeper raspberry and chocolate aroma.

Palate: Rich and tasty, again the raspberries and dark chocolate come alive on the palate, then curve off nicely into a smooth finish. Intense without being “in your face”, this intriguing and congenial wine will make a lot of friends.