



2007
SYRAH



BLEND: 98% Syrah, 2% Viognier
APPELLATION: Napa Valley
HARVEST DATE: October 11, 2007
ALCOHOL: 14.3%
pH 3.97
TA 0.52 g/100mL
COOPERAGE: 17 months in French Oak (20% New)
12 Barrels Produced

The Hess Collection is best known for Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon, yet our experiences growing vines throughout the Napa Valley taught us the locations where Syrah excels. This Syrah comes from the Stagecoach Vineyard, located in the mountains above Napa Valley's Stags Leap District.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

Aromas of blueberry and blue fruit mingle with a hint of bacon fat. On the palate, pronounced flavors of blueberry dominate, along with dark chocolate, spice and a slight vanilla undertone. Medium-bodied, this wine has good structure, and full, yet refined tannins, which yield on a long, elegant finish.

2007 VINTAGE

2007 began with a dry winter and spring, with about half of the usual rainfall. The drier climate created ideal growing conditions with manageable yields in the vineyards. Moderate temperatures, without the typical heat spikes in September and October leading into harvest, allowed the fruit to ripen evenly, without dehydration.