



## 2005 SYRAH



**GRAPE VARIETY:** 98% Syrah, 2% Viognier  
**VINEYARD:** French Camp Vineyard, Paso Robles;  
Fralich Vineyard, Paso Robles  
**BOTTLING DATE:** January 22, 2008  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.6%  
**PRODUCTION:** 1,056 cases

### WINEMAKING

- The fruit was de-stemmed and gently crushed, preserving some whole berries
- Short cold soak followed by open-top bin fermentation
- Moved to barrel dirty, then barrel-aged 27 months in 100% French oak (approximately 20% new), then blended and bottled

### TASTING NOTES

The Paso Robles syrah shows ripe, bright blackberry fruit framed by tobacco and rich spice, and a bit more tannin than the 2004. It's a great food Syrah due to solid acidity, and should age nicely as well.