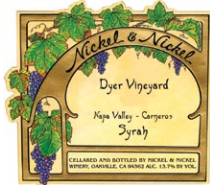


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Single Vineyard Wines

DYER VINEYARD SYRAH
2007

technical notes:



APPELLATION: Carneros, Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE: October 9, 2007

VARIETAL: 100% Syrah

SKIN CONTACT: 9 days

AGING: French oak barrels
(42% new, 58% once-used)

TIME: 14 months

RELEASE DATE: March 2010

FIRST VINTAGE: 2001

vineyard description:

Nestled in the hills of south Napa, Dyer Vineyard is planted on a northwest-facing hillside receiving excellent sun exposure. The climate is relatively cool and the fruit is slow to ripen, allowing for a long hang time. The soils are composed of clay loam and the slope lends itself to good drainage. The rootstock and clonal selection at this site are the perfect match for the vineyard and the flavors develop with great intensity. Nickel & Nickel produces Syrah from just four acres of this 30-acre vineyard.

harvest notes:

Rainfall was low in 2007 and the growing season started out on par with other years. Budbreak occurred in early April with bloom following in late May. In this vineyard, the best thing about 2007 was that variability was quite small. Berry size and fruit maturity were fairly uniform across the vineyard, which is ideal in this location. Mild temperatures over the summer led to slow ripening and the small heat wave in late August didn't have much effect on the fruit. The long, warm September days helped flavors develop slowly, and we harvested this fruit in mid-October, once the fruit dimpled and the leaves started to turn yellow.

sensory evaluation:

The 2007 Dyer Vineyard Syrah is a wonderfully dense wine. Raspberry and boysenberry combine with dark chocolate character, offering a nice textural feel. The natural earthy and meaty "funk" that is characteristic of the varietal adds an interesting element amidst the fruit and toasty French oak. This wine is very broad on the palate and expands with coating tannins into a long, expressive finish.

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