



2007 SYRAH

Eaglepoint Ranch Vineyard, Mendocino



Vital Statistics

Varietal:	100% Syrah, single vineyard
Vineyard:	Eaglepoint Ranch Vineyard, Mendocino AVA, California
Harvest Date:	October 24, 2007
Harvest Brix:	26.0
Release Month:	January 2011
Alcohol:	14.5%

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The 82 acre Eaglepoint Ranch vineyard is located in Mendocino County at an elevation of 1,800 feet. Due to its elevation, temperatures at the ranch tend to be cooler than the nearby Ukiah Valley which can get very hot (100 degrees+) during the summer. Afternoon sea breezes also help keep the vineyard cooler than the hotter temperatures at the lower elevations. As a result, the vines are much less susceptible to heat stress and harvests tend to occur later in the fall giving the fruit plenty of “hang” time to mature on the vine.

Winemaking Notes

The 2007 growing season was more typical than the prolonged 2006 season. The grapes were harvested on October 30, and spent 5 days in cold soak prior to fermentation. Following fermentation, the wine was aged in a combination of new French oak and neutral oak barrels. The wine spent a total of 27 months of barrel aging prior to bottling in January 2010

Tasting Notes

This fine California Syrah features a nose of cherry and hints of plum, with a subtle bit of pepper and spice, creamy oak, and earth. On the palate the wine delivers a nice body and acidity with tastes of red and blue fruits and a hint of stony mineral qualities. It has a lovely finish with a lingering taste of fruit accented by hints of oaky vanilla.

Awards

Gold Medal – 93 Points – 2011 Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition
Silver Medal – 2011 Finger Lake International Wine Competition