



# Syrah 2003

YOUNTVILLE • NAPA VALLEY

## CROSS ROADS VINEYARD

The Rocca 2003 Syrah was produced from 100% estate grown fruit on our 21 acre Cross Roads Vineyard, located in the heart of Napa Valley, at the corner of Yountville Crossroad and the Silverado Trail. The Vineyard is located on the bench land of the Vaca Mountains. The soils are a well-drained mélange of alluvial, sedimentary and volcanic soils. The vineyard is poised between the warmer up valley climes and the cooling maritime influence of the San Francisco Bay to the south, so temperatures during the long growing season are warm enough to produce perfectly ripe and flavorful fruit and cool enough to ensure finesse and balance.



## WINEMAKING

Our winemaker, **Celia Welch Masyczek**, works closely with Sergio Melgoza, our vineyard manager, as they both believe that the art of making great wine begins in the vineyard. As a team they determine the picking date more by taste than analysis. After picking the grapes at the peak of ripeness, the Syrah was carefully destemmed and gently transferred into a fermentation tank, where they fermented on the skins for just over two weeks. Aged in small French barrels (65% new) for about 19 months, the wine was minimally filtered just prior to bottling in May 2005. The final blend is 96% Syrah and 4% Petite Syrah from 100% estate-grown fruit.

## TASTING NOTES

This Syrah abounds in big, jammy aromas; lots of cherry and wild plum, with notes of sweet smoke, intermingling with baking spices (clove, nutmeg) and just a hint of earthy wild sage character adds complexity to this full bodied wine. The entry is bright with juicy fruit flavors, the fresh cherry character continues to swell as the vanilla and spice notes drift in the background. Soft and silky throughout the palate impression, the lingering flavors are of intense raspberry and

<b>Appellation:</b>	Yountville, Napa Valley
<b>Estate Vineyard:</b>	Crossroads Vineyard
<b>Ageing:</b>	19 months in French Oak barrels (65% new)
<b>Bottling:</b>	May 2005
<b>Varietals:</b>	96% Syrah, 4% Petit Sirah
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.8%
<b>Release Date:</b>	April, 2007
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	467
<b>Suggested Retail:</b>	\$45.00