

# 2007 ROCCA SYRAH

GRIGSBY VINEYARD • YOUNTVILLE • NAPA VALLEY



Located at the northwest corner of the Silverado Trail and Yountville Crossroad, our Grigsby Vineyard's soil is a light clay-loam, sprinkled with small river rocks. With its proximity to the Stags Leap District, the vineyard receives cooling breezes most afternoons, originating from San Pablo Bay. The vineyard is farmed with the highest quality considerations, and the fruit clusters are hand-thinned to prevent crowding or shading for optimal color and flavor development.

## WINEMAKING

Winemaker Celia Welch worked closely with Sergio Melgoza, our vineyard manager, as they both believe that the art of making great wine begins in the vineyard. Throughout Napa Valley, the 2007 vintage produced some of the greatest wine grapes in recent memory. Conditions were remarkably mild and even, with very few heat spikes, allowing flavors and tannins to ripen slowly and beautifully. Thanks to the benevolence of the season and to Sergio's dedicated efforts, the grapes matured with wonderful uniformity and we were able to harvest at the peak of ripeness. This wine was created from 100% Syrah, selectively hand-harvested during the cool morning hours entirely from our Grigsby Vineyard. It was fermented in an open-top tank for 14 days, after which the Syrah was gently pressed off and transferred into barrels. The wine was aged for 16 months in French oak barrels, approximately 65% new.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2007 Grigsby Vineyard Syrah is a perfect example of the exceptional concentration, balance, and seamlessness of this special growing season. The wine opens with complex, elegant aromas that range from sweet dark cherries and wild plums to rich notes of warm spices and freshly-ground black pepper, with exotic hints of lavender and rock dust. This Syrah's ripe, plush approach is packed with sweet red and black fruit flavors that sail on through the wine's broad mid-palate, picking up a lovely spiciness along the way. From start to finish the wine displays an impeccably balanced richness, and leaves the palate coated with luscious Syrah fruit and the remarkably soft, polished tannins that are the hallmark of all of our Rocca Family Vineyard wines

APPELLATION:	Yountville, Napa Valley
ESTATE VINEYARD:	100% Grigsby Vineyard, Yountville, Napa Valley
VARIETAL:	100% Syrah
AGING:	16 months in small French oak barrels
BOTTLED:	February 2009
ALCOHOL:	15.2%
CASES PRODUCED:	349
RELEASE DATE:	Fall 2010
RETAIL PRICE:	\$45.00