

Krutz family cellars



Krutz 2009 “Stagecoach Vineyard” Syrah, Napa Valley

Winemaker's Tasting Notes Stunning flavors of blackberry and blueberry liqueurs, and crème de cassis mix with traditional Syrah notes of smoked bacon, licorice, and pepper. Medium- to full-bodied on the palate with a ripe and voluptuous profile. Some oak is hiding under that Californian ripeness of the fruit, while the complexity is very northern Rhône.

VINEYARD & HARVEST INFORMATION

<i>Vineyard</i>	Stagecoach Vineyard is one of the most renowned vineyards in Napa Valley. It rises 1,200 feet above sea level and continues to climb to nearly 1,850 feet at its highest elevations on the southern side of the Oakville appellation's Pritchard Hill and Atlas Peak. Blessed with south-facing slopes filled with shallow, volcanic soils, the site's rugged terroir is ideal for growing intense syrah. Viognier from the Ripken Vineyard.
<i>Vineyard Elevation</i>	Stagecoach Vineyard is 1,600 feet above sea level; Ripkin Vineyard is at sea level.
<i>Exposure</i>	North-Northeast
<i>Soil</i>	Volcanic rock
<i>Block/Clone</i>	Syrah from Block N-2
<i>Harvested</i>	October 10, 2009

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

<i>Blend</i>	90% Syrah, 10% Viognier
<i>Fermentation</i>	Co-fermented in Macro bins, with 19 days on the skins
<i>Alcohol by Volume</i>	14.9%
<i>pH</i>	3.74
<i>Cooperage</i>	40% new French oak
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	14 months
<i>Release Date:</i>	March, 2012
<i>Production</i>	400 cases



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