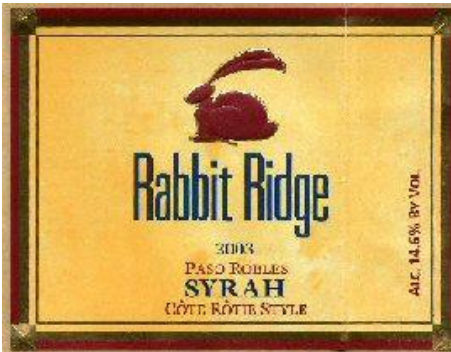




SYRAH, CÔTE RÔTIE STYLE



VINTAGE 2003
APPELLATION Paso Robles
VARIETAL Syrah, Viognier
HARVEST DATE 9/16/03 - 9/17/03
BRIX AT HARVEST 24.73
ALCOHOL 14.6%
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UPC CODE 7 28691 44271 7

VINEYARD PROFILE

Our very limited Côte Rôtie Style Syrah is available exclusively to our Cottontail Wine Club members and tasting room customers. The Syrah was produced from the steepest section of our Live Oak Vineyard located off Highway 46 West, four miles west and four miles south of the town of Paso Robles, California. This section of our vineyard contains very heavy limestone rock soil, with a concentrated yield of just one ton per acre.

Côte Rôtie, meaning "roasted slope," is a sub region located in the warm and sunny hillsides of the Northern Rhône wine region of France. One of the aspects of this particular region's wines is they are almost all blended, and some co-fermented with Viognier. The Viognier portion of our Côte Rôtie Style Syrah was grown in the same general location as our Syrah, on our neighbor's vineyard. Like a fine Côte Rôtie, our wine contains between four and five percent Viognier.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The wine was held on the skins for nearly a month, then was gently pressed and racked to 100% new oak barrels where it was aged until the day before it was bottled in late August 2005. The wine was bottled, unfiltered and unfiltered, in the Old World style. Our unique Côte Rôtie Style Syrah blend was made to emulate the fine wines of this sub region.

TASTING NOTES

Like all Côte Rôties, this special wine is very fragrant and rich with notes of blackcurrant, raspberries and spice. We feel this wine has excellent aging potential and suggest it be laid down for a while before consuming. Only 94 cases were produced.

AWARDS

Silver Medal, June 2006
California State Fair 2006 Wine Competition

Bronze Medal, May 2006
California Mid-State Fair Central Coast Wine Competition

Bronze Medal, April 2006
Riverside International Wine Competition

Bronze Medal, March 2006
Jerry Mead's New World International Wine Competition

Bronze Medal, January 2006
San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Bronze Medal, June 2006
Orange County Fair Wine Competition

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