

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

(NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)

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Truchard Vineyards was established in 1974, when Tony and Jo Ann Truchard came to the Carneros region of the Napa Valley and purchased a 20-acre parcel of land. Over the past 31 years the Truchard Estate Vineyard has grown to 400 acres, of which 270 acres are planted. The Truchards now sell grapes to more than 20 premiere Napa Valley wineries.

The Truchard Estate Vineyard is a series of hills and valleys, which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, volcanic rock and ash. The various combinations of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures provide unique winegrowing conditions.

In 1989, the Truchards began making wine for themselves using only their estate-grown fruit. An old barn on the property was converted into a winery; this barn became the symbol for Truchard Vineyards and adorns the top of the wine label. With the addition of a 10,500-square foot wine cave, the winery has become a beautiful, modern facility. The winery makes 11 different wines, producing a total of 16,000 cases per year.

Syrah 2020

CSPC# 715002

750mlx12

14.3% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis

Acidity: 6.3 g/l

pH: 3.70

Residual Sugar: g/l

Grape Variety

100% Syrah

Winemaker

Sal De Ianni

Vintage

2020 was a very interesting year in the vineyards. Bud break was normal, but a cold and dry winter combined with unsettled spring weather affected berry set and led to below average yields. Normal conditions throughout summer allowed the light crop to easily ripen. The dual challenges of the pandemic and wildfires during harvest made picking decisions very difficult. Despite these hardships, the wines of 2020 are big, bold, and full of flavor.

Vineyards

There are 12 acres of Syrah planted on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. Four acres are in the "Highlands" region to the north, and 8 acres are located at the southern end of the vineyard. These areas are dominated by austere hillsides composed of volcanic rock and ash. The vines range from 21 – 31 years old and benefit from the unique combination of soil, exposure, and cool Carneros temperatures. The result is a full-bodied wine, with flavors and structure reminiscent of the northern Rhône.

Harvest

Sept. 23 – Oct. 14 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.63 pH • 7.0 g/L TA

Vinification/

Maturation

All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters with approximately 20% whole berries. Individual lots were inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were punched down twice daily with the temperature peaking at 88° F. After 14 days of maceration, each lot was pressed and allowed to settle in tank before going to barrel. The wine was aged for 10 months in both French (90%) and American (10%) oak; 25% of these barrels were new. This wine was racked only once before being bottled in August of 2021. This wine is drinkable upon release but will reward careful cellaring for the next 12 – 15 years.

Tasting Notes

A floral nose of black cherry, cassis, and ripe plum with a hint of vanilla, leather, earth, and white pepper. The mouth is layered with bright, jammy flavors of boysenberry, red currants, and blackberry followed by mineral and cracked black pepper. Mouth-filling tannins provide an opulent finish of fruit and spice.

Serve with

This Syrah pairs excellent with heartier dishes, stews, and lamb. For lighter, fair it would go well with heavily spiced/seasoned/herbed chicken or pork.

Released

March 1st, 2022

Production

720 cases

Cellaring

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