



2000 SYRAH

Release Date: 12-15-01
Residual Sugar 0.00

Alcohol 13.9%
Acidity 0.68

Tasting Notes: Intense, darkly extracted color with complex aromas of black currant, dark plum, cassis and ripe raspberry. Very full-bodied style with flavors of berries, cassis, plums and a hint of toastiness. Long, intense finish of sweep ripe berries, cassis and black plum.

Winemaker's Notes: Wow! Do I love this Syrah. We had great success with the 1999 vintage, but this year we expanded both the number of vineyard sources and the ways in which the wine was handled in the Winery. Coupled with excellent vintage year, the resulting wine is far more complex and layered than the 1999. The largest component is from Milbrandt Vineyard about mid Wahluke Slope, and is 30% of the final blend. Crawford and pleasant vineyards each contribute 21%, and the O'Brien Vineyard 20%. The remaining 8% is from our own portion of Mercer Ranch. Two types of yeast strains were used to compliment each other, contributing different characteristics to the fruit flavors and aromas, tannin structure, and finish.