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Stagecoach Vineyard

2003

Black Bart Syrah

Napa Valley

- Date of Harvest: October 8th
- Soil Series: Hambright & Basalt
- Yield: 2.1 tons/acre
- Cumulative Degrees Brix: 26.4, pH: 3.78
- Cold Soak: 5 days
- Time on skins: 23 days

Vineyard:

Stagecoach Vineyard approaches the Oakville appellation at its westernmost slopes. Climbing up the southern extent of the Pritchard Hill appellation, the vines ascend to almost 1800 feet. The single clusters on each shoot for the Black Bart Syrah were plucked from vines planted 1700 feet above sea level.

Vintage Notes:

The 2003 vintage saw optimal hang time and ideal ripening conditions in the mountains resulting in delicious, intense fruit and fine, smooth wines.

Winemaker Notes:

Rich purple-black hue; Aromas of violets, white pepper, dark spices, saffron and roasted sage, marry on the palate with sweet-smokey bacon fat, hazelnut, black cherry, and white chocolate; Smooth, velvety tannins weigh gracefully upon the mid-palate, finish lingers. Great with braised duck, peppered rabbit and roast boar! Enjoy now until 2018. 613 cases produced.