

2008

LILY HILL ESTATE

syrah

VARIETY: 100% syrah**APPELLATION:** Dry Creek Valley**HARVEST DATES:** September 6th**DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST:** 24.4**pH:** 3.78**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

VINIFICATION NOTES: Syrah from our estate was picked by hand at optimum ripeness and was partially de-stemmed. 10% of the fruit was fermented whole cluster to accentuate ripe, bright fruit characters. Aging occurred for 16 months. A portion of the lot was aged in a large format French foudre, a traditional vessel used in the Rhône Valley which helps to build velvety texture, softer, rounder tannins and more delicate fruit flavors in the wine. The remaining wine was aged in 60-gallon French and American barriques, balancing the blend out with elegance and spice.

SENSORY NOTES: A perfect example of warmer climate syrah at its best! From its aromas of smoke and ripe blackberry to its enticing flavors of dark currant and white pepper spice, this wine offers appealing complexity that concludes with a long, elegant finish graced by lingering flavors of mocha and sweet oak.

VINEYARD NOTES: Our Lily Hill Estate vineyard is located on the western slope of the Dry Creek Valley, directly above our wine cave. Though renowned for its old-vine zinfandel, Lily Hill has also emerged as a remarkable site for growing premium syrah vines. Shaped by the valley's heat, the grapes from these vines highlight both syrah's appealing bright fruit side and its natural sophistication.

CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Drink from 2011 through 2017.

RETAIL PRICE: \$40 Strictly limited production. Only 600 cases produced.

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