



ERIC ROSS
WINERY

2005 Catie's Corner Syrah

Picked October 12, 2005
Brix at Harvest 25.5
pH 3.85

For the first time Eric Ross winery is making a Syrah from the Russian River Valley. The grapes for this wonderful wine come from Catie's Corner Vineyard farmed by Saralee Kunde. The vineyard is named after her daughter Catie and it is also where we source grapes for our Viognier. The vineyard planted on rolling hills near Windsor, lends itself to Rhone varieties such as Syrah and Viognier.

This lovely Syrah has bright notes of cherry as we co-fermented this wine with 5% Viognier which enhances the fruit characteristics of the wine. We aged the wine in 30% new American oak to round out the flavors. This wine should have a long life, but drinks well in it's youth. We will bottle this wine in August for release in the fall.

As you sip the Syrah imagine yourself enjoying a grilled steak smothered in sauteed mushrooms or maybe roast chicken, a lamb chop marinated with rosemary, garlic and olive oil, or just your favorite meal.