

CACHE CREEK

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2020

SYRAH

CACHE CREEK VINEYARDS
LAKE COUNTY



SILVER MEDAL *2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge*

WINEMAKER NOTES

The *terroir* of Cache Creek Vineyards provides the perfect growing conditions to create a delicious, true-to-varietal Syrah. With only one acre of Syrah planted, we only produce a limited amount of this classic French Rhône varietal.

Although we use the Brix measurement as a guide, we let the grapes tell us when they are ready to harvest. With Syrah grapes, they begin to sag and even wrinkle a little. It is at this point when they release the greatest flavor and color. Because we are patient, the resulting wine exhibits a luscious complexity of flavors with just the right amount of spice, while also offering a soft, rich mouthfeel and finish.

COMPOSITION	Syrah
VINEYARD	Cache Creek Vineyards
APPELLATION	Lake County
ALCOHOL	14%
TA	6.4 g/L
pH	3.59
COOPERAGE	100% French oak barrels
BARREL AGING	15 months
PRODUCTION	269 cases

TASTING NOTES

A positively seductive nose offers dark berries and red fruit woven with hints of leather and juniper berry. With the first sip, the palate is quickly immersed in a fusion of intense ripe blackberry, blueberry, espresso and dark chocolate laced with traces of well-worn leather found in the nose. The richness is balanced with gentle tannins and integrated oak that frame the luscious flavors. As the wine coalesces in the finish, the delicious essence lingers.

This Syrah pairs beautifully with coffee-braised short ribs served with baby red potatoes and onions, or a Toulouse-style cassoulet.