



## **2005 Bassetti Vineyard “Rena Block”, SLO County, Syrah**

This wine enters gracefully with layered, ripe fruits that transitions to a soft silky texture. Its resounding finish brings a depth of soft, dusty tannin and oak that broadens the wine and will help it age gracefully. Vibrant aromas of blueberry, violet, smoked meat and coffee. Intense and juicy, with berry and pepper flavors given lift by peppery and floral elements and framed by brisk acidity. Persistent and perfumed on the very firm finish, which features building but sweet tannins. This profound Syrah possesses great extraction and exhibits a bold New World style.

Alcohol: 13.9%

\$45 per bottle

Cases Produced: 212

### **Harvest Information**

Hand picked early morning of November 6, 2005

24.2 Brix – 3.32 pH - .59 g/mL TA

### **Winemaking Information**

Grapes were hand-sorted, both clusters and individual berries, to remove inferior or damaged grapes.

50% of the pristine clusters were added to the fermentation bins for added structure and complexity.

Three day cold soak, fermentation completed with native yeasts and pressed after 10 days total.

Cooperage is entirely French oak, with 80% of the barrels being new.

SO<sub>2</sub> added after completion of both primary and secondary fermentations in January 2006.

Racked once off of the lees immediately preceding bottling.

Bottled unfinned and unfiltered on February 15, 2007.

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