



## 2007 SYRAH “Kick Ranch” Sonoma County

Carica’s 2007 “Kick Ranch” Syrah is rich and intense..There is an underlying earthiness of tobacco, leather, and game, characteristic of the Northern Rhone’s finest wines.

The clean finish and rich flavors of this Syrah make it a perfect pairing for grilled meat, a rich stew, and vegetable ragout.

### Aromas

warm spices, blackberry, rose, black cherry

### Flavors

pepper, dark chocolate, plum

**Winemaking Notes:** Clusters were de-stemmed, 75% whole berry fermentation after a 2- to 5-day cold soak. The grapes of three syrah clones, Hermitage, 470, and 877 were combined and fermented together, after the initial cold soak, in small open-top fermentors with 3 punch-downs per day. The wine was aged 18 months with minimal intervention in a combination of both new and used French and American oak barrels. It was bottled unfiltered and unfined on May 25, 2009.

**The Vineyard:** Kick Ranch is owned by Dick Keenan and Kathy McNamara and has become a premier Sonoma County vineyard. Wonderfully sited on the west flank of Spring Mountain, north east of Santa Rosa, California, this 41 acre vineyard uses sustainable viticulture practices to produce outstanding Sauvignon Blanc grapes, as well as highly sought-after Rhone varietals.

Winemaker, Charlie Dollbaum  
**174 cases produced**  
**\$30 per bottle**



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