



2008 SYRAH “Kick Ranch” Sonoma County

Carica’s 2008 ‘Kick Ranch’ Sonoma Syrah is full bodied and elegant, with rich but balanced fruit. There is an underlying earthiness and a complex, persistent finish.

Enjoy this Syrah with steak and balsamic onion relish, grilled lamb kabobs, or Moroccan vegetable stew.

Aromas

blackberry and cassis

Flavors

black cherry, with notes of chocolate, smoke, and sage

Winemaking Notes: Three Syrah clones were used: Hermitage and 470 grapes were harvested September 28, and 877 grapes were harvested on October 1, 2008. Averages at harvest: Brix 27 - pH 3.7 - TA .63

Clusters were de-stemmed, 75% whole berry fermentation after a 2 - 5 day cold soak. After the initial cold soak, the wine was fermented to dryness in small, open-top fermentors with 3 punchdowns per day. The wine was aged 16 months with minimal intervention in a combination of both new and aged French and American oak barrels. It was bottled unfiltered and unfinned on August 12, 2010. Alcohol 14.8%

The Vineyard: Kick Ranch Vineyard is sited on the western flank of Spring Mountain, north east of Santa Rosa, California. Its 41 acres are planted with highly sought-after Rhône varietals, and it is farmed using sustainable viticulture practices to produce premium, low-yield-per-acre fruit.

Winemaker, Charlie Dollbaum
100 cases produced
\$36 per bottle

