

VAGABOND 2005

A spirit with his own compass.
Singular, agile, vaguely mysterious.
A combination of the familiar and the exotic.
Vagabond... a blend to let your heart wander.

VARIETAL CONTENT

60% Syrah, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL REGIME

21 Months in French Oak Barrels

PRODUCTION

720 cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$60

WINEMAKER

Claus Janzen

CONSULTING WINEMAKER AND VITICULTURIST

Nils and Kirk Venge

VINEYARD SOURCES

In this vintage, the Syrah is derived from vineyards in two very different locations. Our primary vineyard is situated in the Coombsville area of Napa and the remainder of our Syrah fruit comes from a small vineyard in St Helena. The Cabernet Sauvignon comes primarily from the famed Georges III vineyard in Rutherford.

TASTING NOTES

The intensity of the Syrah's flavor profile, blended with the formidable structure of the Cabernet varietal, combine ideally for this brooding and mysterious blend. The palate is seamless in texture, with no 'bumps' or objectionable tannins in the way. The aromas are profound, with a lively fruit and oak balance.

PRESS HIGHLIGHTS ON THE 2004 VINTAGE

"An impressive new offering is the 580-case 2004 Vagabond, a blend of 60% Syrah and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged completely in French oak, it boasts a dense ruby/purple hue, a big, sweet, blackberry, flower, pepper, coffee, and chocolate-scented bouquet, full body, and a soft, expansive style. Drink it over the next 7-8 years. Outstanding, 91 rating." – Robert Parker, *Wine Advocate*, December '06

"Wonderful intensity and purity of fruit, with spicy, peppery blackberry and wild berry flavors and hazelnut and cedar notes. Deftly balanced, long and persistent on the finish, gaining complexity. Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. Outstanding, 91 rating." – Wine Spectator, July '07

"Given its varietal mix, it is not especially surprising that this imposing, full bodied bottling speaks to Syrah with a less than strong voice. It does, however, show a full measure of richness with abundant, blackberry fruit framed by a sweet and equally plentiful oak and it shows a nice sense of suppleness. Two Puffs, 91" – Connoisseurs Guide to California Wine, July '07