



2007 SYRAH, PERLI VINEYARD, "POTATO PATCH BLOCK" MENDOCINO RIDGE



The Mendocino Ridge AVA is an exciting newer American Viticulture Appellation (AVA) located on the North Coast of California, just north of the Sonoma Coast AVA. This AVA is one of the very few designated growing areas based on proximity to the Pacific Ocean and altitude. As such, in order to qualify, a vineyard must be approximately 13 miles or less from the ocean and at least 1,200 feet above sea level. It got its nickname, 'islands in the sky' due to its non-contiguous nature and that the fog line is typically at an elevation of 800'. As members, these vineyards get more sunlight, more intense coastal wind and more rain and are typically on very steep slopes. This all translates into intense wines with great structure and complexity!

The color is a deep purple hue. The nose is generous with aromas of violets, blue berries, fresh cracked pepper and a hint of game. The flavors are seductive with wild fruits, game, black cherries. The structure is great too with balanced tannins and acidity.

Will age 10-15+ years. Great with leg of Lamb or anything barbecued!

91 points Stephen Tanzer's IWC

Finished Wine Technical Specifications

Vineyard:	100% Perli Vineyard	pH:	3.72
Harvest Date:	October 26, 2007	TA:	5.8 g/L
Sugars at Harvest:	24.5 degrees brix	Alcohol:	14.2% by vol.
pH at Harvest:	3.351	Bottling Date:	August 2008
TA at Harvest:	7.4 g/L	Release Date:	March 2009
Oak:	2-3 yr French Oak for 11 months	Suggested Retail:	\$35.00 per bottle
		Number of Cases:	150 cases

Cold soaked four days, 15% stem inclusion. Fermented on skins for 14 days.
Bottled unfinned, unfiltered.

Vineyard Details

Tons per Acre:	2.25 tons per acre	Trellis:	Vertical Shoot Position
Variety:	Syrah	Pruning:	Cane Pruned
Clone:	55% 877, 45% McDowell	Orientation:	Rows run on a contour
Rootstock:	110R	Slope:	30%
Planted:	1999	Aspect:	Southeast
Spacing:	6x10	Soil:	Dark sandy loam over sandstone bedrock; Topsoil is approximately 18" deep.