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2004 Syrah-Great Oak Vineyard-Russian River Valley

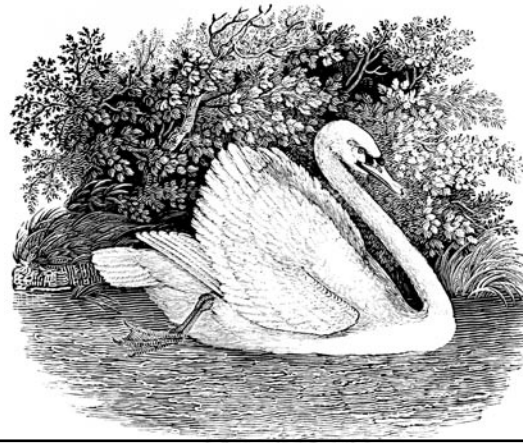
THE VINEYARD:

The vineyard is located in the hills above the Russian River north of Forestville. While all of the soils in this vineyard are rocky and poor, the poorest section at the highest elevation was chosen for the normally productive syrah. The densely planted vines are trained in a vertical curtain system. The vineyard typically produces an astonishingly low 1 ton per acre.

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Syrah



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PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY JOSEPH SWAN VINEYARDS
FORESTVILLE CALIFORNIA, ALCOHOL 14.0% BY VOLUME

WINEMAKING:

The grapes are all harvested by hand, typically at one time. The fruit is then gently de-stemmed but not crushed. The fruit is fermented in small open top fermenters using indigenous yeast. Fermentation typically begins after a three day passive cold soak. The cap is frequently punched down by hand during the three to four week fermentation period. After pressing the wine is racked to older French Oak barrels. No new oak is used as it is our desire to let the vineyard character to take center stage. The wine is racked and blended twice during the aging process. It is bottled unfinned and unfiltered. 53 cases were bottled.

THE WINE:

Our California broker, Paul Bullard, described it as “tremendous syrah. Bowling ball in mouth with deep black fruits, cedar shavings and earth. Very powerful and dense on the back palate. An ager again”. I would add that it has a lot of the classic syrah deep violet and English saddle leather aromas.