

VERAISON

**Black Bart
Syrah
Stagecoach Vineyard
2002
*Napa Valley***

- Row Orientation: South facing slopes of Pritchard Hill
- Date of Harvest: September 25th
- Degrees Brix: 26.8
- pH: 3.88
- Cold Soak: 5 days
- Time on skins: 24 days
- Yield: 1.3 tons/acre
- Soil Series: Hambright & Basalt, dynamited granite

Vineyard:

Stagecoach Vineyard adjoins the Oakville appellation at its westernmost slopes. Climbing up the south face of Pritchard Hill our vines ascend to almost 1800 feet. Black Bart Syrah is plucked from vines planted 1700 feet above sea level.

Vintage Notes:

The 2002 Vintage was filled with warm temperatures and plenty of sunshine. There were only 2 days where the morning fog had not rolled off Stagecoach Vineyards by 7:00 a.m. The bold flavors and succulent fruit found in our 2002 Veraison wines are unmatched by any of the prior vintages from our south facing slopes.

Winemaker Notes:

Dark purple hue; nuanced aromas of violets, nutmeg and saffron mingle with scents of freshly cracked pepper, crisped sage and boysenberries. Wild black currants, raspberries and Swiss chocolate mix with deliberate flavors of vanilla, anise. An expansive mid-palate delivers the mouth-filling power of this unique terroir; finish lingers. Enjoy along with Muscovy Duck, Neiman Ranch pork tenderloin and California's freshest cuisine through 2012. 498 cases produced.

