

BLACK BART

2006 Black Bart Syrah Rosé Napa Valley



<i>Release Date</i>	June 1, 2007
<i>Vineyards</i>	Stagecoach Vineyard, Blocks I-2 & S2B Krupp Vineyard, Block KB5 Both Stagecoach Syrah blocks have great exposure and shallow soil. These favorable characteristics provide great fruit flavor and remarkable structure. The Krupp Brothers block has thin, rocky soils at an elevation of 1500 feet.
<i>Vintage 2006</i>	The rain that was experienced early in the year continued into spring. Bud break was delayed by a few weeks, but by June, the weather had turned and vines began to flower and set fruit. In July, a ten-day heat wave was experienced. Any clusters that were sun burnt were removed during cluster thinning. Cool weather dominated early October, which allowed us to harvest our whites at optimum temperature. We were lucky to harvest our grapes before a small amount of rain which occurred late in the first week of October.
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	93% Syrah, 5% Viognier, 2% Marsanne
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	October 9-12, 2006
<i>Bottled</i>	April 16, 2007
<i>pH/Brix</i>	3.82/27.9
<i>Fermentation</i>	The Syrah juice was bled off of the skins before fermentation began and after 2-3 days of cold soaking. The juice was then 100% barrel fermented with indigenous yeast.
<i>Alcohol</i>	15.2%
<i>Cooperage</i>	6 months barrel maturation in 2 year old Taransaud barrels
<i>Production</i>	199 cases

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Not for the faint-hearted, huge color, immense flavor and good structure. All Syrah components were bled from our best Syrah ferments after 2-3 days on skins (la saignée). The saignée was sent directly to 2 year old Taransaud barrels and underwent natural fermentation. Deep ruby red, brilliant clarity; intense aromas of strawberries and cream, apricot blossom and panna cotta; loads of flavor on the palate, ripe raspberries and vanilla bean ice-cream, with a touch of spice hinting that it truly is Syrah.

KRUPP BROTHERS ESTATES

Owned by Dr. Jan Krupp and his brother Bart. The Estates are comprised of three different vineyards: Stagecoach, Krupp, and Krupp Brothers. These vineyards are the sources for their three brands: Veraison, Black Bart and the Krupp Brothers Estates Gold Series.