

VERAISON

2003 Synchrony Stagecoach Vineyard, Napa Valley

<i>Date of Harvest</i>	September 24 - October 21
<i>Vineyards</i>	Stagecoach Vineyard is located on the South side of Pritchard Hill overlooking Oakville. The grapes for Synchrony are sourced from our rockiest blocks delivering intensity and multiple layers of flavor. One of the two blocks planted to See selection Clone Cabernet is a delicious, distinctive, historic clone of Cabernet sourced from a Napa vineyard once owned by Mr. See of See's candy.
<i>Vintage 2003</i>	The 2003 vintage at Stagecoach was distinguished by mellow temperatures and an abundance of sun. This combination was particularly favorable to Cabernet Franc creating beautiful aromatics and complex flavors. These same ideal climatic conditions created an intense See Clone Cabernet Sauvignon which provides the velvet hammer component of Synchrony.
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	60% Cabernet Franc, 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot & Malbec
<i>Soil Series</i>	Hambright & Basalt, dynamited granite
<i>Cooperage</i>	18 months in Taransaud
<i>Yield</i>	3.2 tons/acre, 1 cluster/shoot
<i>Cumulative Degrees Brix</i>	26.4, pH: 3.92
<i>Cold Soak</i>	3 days
<i>Time on Skins</i>	29 days
<i>Production</i>	1094 cases



WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Ink-like, purple-black hue: Aromas of cassis, tobacco, vanilla, coffee-liqueur and lead-pencil shavings; give way to a smooth entry and intense flavors of dark currants, black plums, rich mocha, leather and black spice with a purity of fruit and impressive structure; velvet tannins and a full mid-palate matches a long lingering finish. Synchrony is great with lamb, duck and venison. Drink until 2015. Only 1094 cases produced.

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 black and gold series.