

# VERAISON

## 2004 Merlot Krupp Vineyard

### Date of Harvest

October 13, 2004

### Vineyards

At 1450 feet above sea level, Krupp Vineyard rests just above the Stag's Leap District. With small yields, the Merlot exhibits intense mountain tannins and great structure that comes from red, rocky, volcanic soils. We softened the strong tannins in this Merlot by blending our See selection Cabernet Sauvignon into the finished wine.

### Vintage 2004

The 2004 vintage saw some precipitous heat spikes that had to be endured to achieve optimal hang time and complexity of fruit and flavor. The resulting wines from our mountains have power and balance that are found only in great years.

### Varietal Composition

Merlot, small amounts of Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec

### Alcohol

14.8%

### Brix/pH

26.2/3.85

### Cold Soak

4 days

### Time on Skins

Average 24 days

### Yield

3.5 tons/acre

### Soil Series

Red Aiken loam, Aiken series

### Cooperage

Oak: 80% new, predominantly Bossuet

### Bottled

May 5, 2006 Unfined & Unfiltered

### Production

489 cases



### **WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS**

Cherry-black hue; Complex aromas of ripe cherries, black spices, fresh figs, ground vanilla bean, rosewater, dried herbs and sweet pipe tobacco. The palate presents an overwhelming abundance of flavors including crème de cassis, dried cranberries, black berries, cherry kirsch, and lightly infused truffle oil. This is a dense and brooding Merlot that displays a fine and persistent finish with a hint of tarriness. Best served with roasted leg of lamb, veal ragout and venison sausages. Enjoy now through 2018.

### **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.