

BLACK BART

2006
Syrah
Stagecoach Vineyard
Napa Valley



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| <i>Release Date</i> | December 1, 2008 |
| <i>Vineyard</i> | Stagecoach Vineyard I-4 I-4 is a steep, south-facing 3.5-acre block on the south side of Pritchard Hill planted to Syrah clone 470. This block has Hambright soil, which is thin, rocky, and underlain by rock and clay. |
| <i>Vintage 2006</i> | The rain that was experienced early in the New 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 mid-July a record-setting heat wave lasted about ten days, but with the crop a few weeks behind the historically normal cycle, the heat had little impact on the grapes. Seasonal and somewhat cooler weather returned in August and harvest began in early September. Cool weather dominated early October with a little rain coming late in the first week. |
| <i>Fermentation</i> | A five day cold soak was undertaken before fermentation with indigenous yeast commenced. The fermentation was complete in 8 days however the wine remained on skins for a further 9 days. A small amount of whole cluster fruit was utilized and was co-fermented with a small amount of Viognier. |
| <i>Varietal Composition</i> | Syrah, with a small amount of Viognier |
| <i>Harvest Dates</i> | October 7, 2006 |
| <i>Bottled</i> | February 20, 2007 – Unfined |
| <i>pH/Brix</i> | 3.63/27.4 |
| <i>Alcohol</i> | 15.6% |
| <i>Cooperage</i> | Matured for 16 months in 85% new French oak barriques - Francois Freres, Damy & Cadus. |
| <i>Production</i> | 700 cases |



WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Purple ink in color. Sweet aromas of blueberries, black raspberries, and lavender as well as bacon fat and graphite. The palate is big and unctuous with mouth filling flavors of raspberries, black raspberries, blueberries, vanilla, and smoky oak. The tannins transition seamlessly across the palate of this full bodied wine, with a strong and persistent finish. Great with green peppercorn duck terrine or roasted venison. Enjoy now through 2015.

KRUPP BROTHERS

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

