

# VERAISON

## 2004 Synchrony Stagecoach Vineyard Napa Valley

<i>Date of Harvest</i>	September 16 - October 5, 2004
<i>Vineyards</i>	Stagecoach Vineyard is located on the South side of Pritchard Hill overlooking Oakville. The red, volcanic soils are laden with both basalt and tufa. The grapes are sourced from our rockiest hillside blocks delivering intensity and multiple layers of flavor. One of the blocks is planted to the See Clone which is a delicious, distinctive, historic clone of Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from a Napa vineyard once owned by Mr. See of See's candy.
<i>Vintage 2004</i>	A winter with plentiful rainfall was followed by a warm spring resulting in an early bud break. A warm and occasionally hot summer continued to speed vine growth. Fall heat spells required patience and water to achieve optimal hang time, complex flavors, as well as the ripeness and power found in great vintages.
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	44% Cabernet Franc, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 6% Merlot
<i>Release Date</i>	December 1, 2007
<i>Cooperage</i>	Matured for 18 months in 85% new French oak barriques - Taransaud & Bossuet
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.8%
<i>Brix/pH</i>	3.97/26.0
<i>Bottled</i>	May 3, 2007 Unfined & Unfiltered
<i>Fermentation</i>	All select parcels of fruit were fermented as individual batches. Each parcel underwent a 3-4 day cold soak before fermentation was allowed to start with indigenous yeast. Each batch spent an average of 26 days on skins and completed malolactic fermentation in barrel.
<i>Production</i>	1,183 cases



### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*Deep red with black hues; Aromas of violets, cassis, plums and dark cherries layered with dusty earth, bay leaf, cedary oak and sage. The palate is powerful, round and rich. It has a sweet fruit center showing ripe fruit flavors of blueberries, framboise, blackcurrant and dark cherry. The mouth feel is soft yet displays tannins with a silky-velvety, supple finish. Serve with prime rib or porterhouse steak. 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 black and gold label.