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2004 NOVY ROSELLA'S VINEYARD SYRAH

2004 Novy Rosella's Syrah -The Syrah planted at the Rosella's Vineyard provides us with our most interesting, unique, and high quality Syrah each vintage. This became abundantly clear with the first Syrah vintage from this vineyard when we started blending the 2001 Rosella's Syrah and, quite frankly, could not come to an agreement on the final blend. Ultimately, we settled on a small blend that we thought best represented the wine we had in barrel. It was really good but it tasted so..."different."

Of course, that wine received a 91 point rating from the Wine Spectator. The success of Syrah at this cool site has continued ever since. What makes the Rosella's Vineyard Syrah so special is the long, cool growing season along with the remarkable winegrowing skills of Gary Francioni and Mark Pisoni. This combination of climate and grower allows the grapes to hang on the vine for an exceptionally long time without developing any overripe, raisin-like characteristics. Instead you end up achieving great ripeness and moderate sugar levels, even in a warmer vintage like 2004.

The 2004 Novy Rosella's Vineyard Syrah displays a beautiful color with a lush texture. The wine also has good natural acidity and silky tannins that give it great structure and backbone. This sexy wine has aromas of blackberries, cream, spicy barbecue rub and raspberries. The mouthfeel is explosive and the finish is long. This wine is great to examine (and more importantly drink) on its own but, will also go hand in hand with rare red meat dishes.

PRODUCTION: 364 cases

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