



2006 Novy Napa Valley Syrah

The Novy Napa Valley Syrah has always come from the Page-Nord Vineyard at the southern end of the Napa Valley. Over the years we have been fine tuning this wine, learning which parts of the vineyard produce a grapes better suited for the Napa Syrah (as opposed to those designated for the Page-Nord). We have slowly designated two sections primarily for this wine and farm them differently, generally picking them a bit later while looking for a bit riper fruit profile. We also use a different technique in producing this wine, bleeding off a portion of the juice about 2/3 of the way through fermentation and letting that juice finish fermentation in new oak barrels. This tends to concentrate the wine that is left behind. It also provides a richer, creamier mid-palate to the wine that finishes fermenting in oak. We end up blending these two wines back together and produce what becomes our Napa Syrah.

The 2006 Novy Napa Syrah has been described by *Wine Spectator* as having “blackberry and black cherry fruit that’s complex” while *Wine Enthusiast* called it “voluptuous,” with “blackberry jam, chocolate, and pepper.” Whatever the descriptor, we believe this is tasty Syrah and a very good price!

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