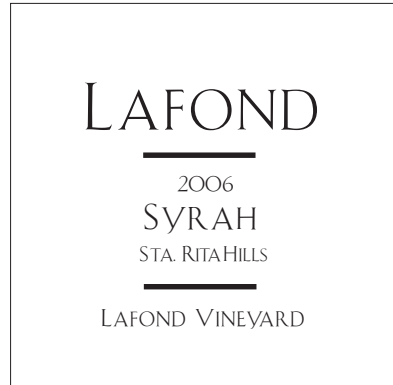




2006 SYRAH LAFOND VINEYARD

The Santa Rita Hills located in the western Santa Ynez Valley imparts a distinct “cool-climate” character to Syrah grown in the region. This character expresses itself with complex floral notes reminiscent of lavender and a spicy component highlighted by distinct white pepper notes. Our Lafond Vineyard Syrah represents select vineyard areas where the grapes exhibit the most intensity of flavor. This concentration allows the forward, dense floral character and dark fruit to complement the spicy component of the wine.



The 2006 vintage is a selection of the best 10 barrels from the least vigorous sections of three separate vineyard blocks. This was a moderate crop year in terms of yield and Winemaker Bruce McGuire liked the balanced canopy in the vineyard. The wine was then aged for 15 months in French Burgundy oak barrels. Bruce really liked the “great intensity” of the finished wine. A fine choice for rustic, hearty fare and your favorite “stinky” cheese such as Taleggio from Italy or aged Red Hawk from California.

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Dates: Nov. 11, 2006
Vineyards: 100% Lafond Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Sugar: 24.2° Brix
Production: 230 Cases
Suggested Retail Price: 40.00

WINE

Barrels: A 10 barrel selection of French Burgundy oak 50% new oak
Total Acid: .69
pH: 3.35
Alcohol: 14.9%
Sugar: Dry