

Navarro Vineyards Tech Sheet

2005 Syrah Mendocino

(750 ml)

Harvested: Oct. 11 – Nov. 1, 2005

Sugars at Harvest: 24.3° Brix

Bottled: August 21, 2006

Cases Produced: 938

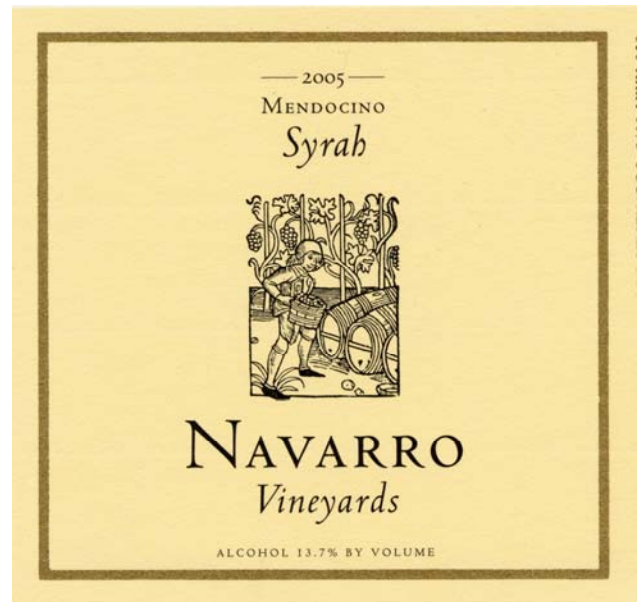
Alcohol: 13.7%

Titrateable Acidity: 5.7g/L

pH Level: 3.86

Fine Tuning

We only started making Syrah in 1995 so we're still fine tuning our winemaking routine. Twelve years ago there was little Syrah planted in Mendocino. We produced two Gold Medal winners as rookies but then the grower decided to take advantage of a seller's market and promised his grapes to a winery with deeper pockets. We were disappointed about losing future harvests from this proven field but since several other Syrah vineyards were being planted we kept a sharp lookout for other growers. It takes several vintages to assess a vineyard; we've found some good ones and we've dropped some disappointing ones. While all of our Syrah once came from the Russian River area, 42% of this vintage was grown in the cooler Navarro River watershed. The cooler weather means this wine is tauter, higher in acid with less alcohol. The aromas suggest white pepper which is a signature of cool climate Syrah. Syrah grapes grown by Kurt & Heather Schoeneman in Boonville are the most recent addition to our blend. We added 23% Grenache for midpalate fruit and a touch of Mourvèdre for a hint of forest. Like Syrahs from the Rhone this wine ages gracefully and the hints of leather, cherry and eucalyptus weave a particularly intricate design over time.



Navarro Vineyards Recent Press & Medals

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No press currently on this vintage.

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Huckleberry and cranberry dominate the fruity notes in this syrah. Good acidity, but I would prefer to taste more spice. I think this wine will continue to develop, though. Good QPR.

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03/18/07	Jerry Mead's NWIWC	GOLD
06/10/07	Los Angeles County Fair	GOLD
05/25/07	International Eastern Wine Comp	SILVER
07/13/07	North of the Gate Wine Competition	SILVER