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Shiraz

Lodi 2004

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This fine Shiraz was produced exclusively from grapes grown in Benson Ferry's Lodi estate vineyards. The region's warm-to-hot days and cool, marine-influenced nights result in ripe fruit, supple texture and superb balance. The cool 2004 vintage enhanced these elements, producing a wine of exceptional character.

Winemaking

After gentle crushing, the juice and grapes were fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks to preserve fruit character. The young wine then was pressed off the skins and aged in a mixture of seasoned American and French oak barrels for seven months to gain complexity. The wine was bottled in October of 2005.

Tasting Notes

Deep red color with violet highlights attests to the bold style of this impressive Shiraz. Concentrated red and black fruit character – with emphasis on blueberry and cranberry – is complemented by cinnamon, nutmeg and cocoa complexity, both in the aroma and flavor. This mouthfilling red is complemented by well-integrated tannins and a full, yet smooth finish. Already drinking beautifully, its structure, balance and depth of fruit suggest years of impressive evolution in the cellar. Alcohol 15.3%