

# BENSON | FERRY

*Vineyards*



## Syrah

Lodi 2001

## California

Situated in the heart of California at the confluence of the Mokelumne and Cosumnes Rivers, Benson Ferry celebrates a rich farming heritage. Here the Stokes family, grape growers for three generations, draw on local estate and other select vineyards throughout California to produce premium wines of generous fruit character.

### Vineyards

This fine Syrah 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 resulted in abundant fruit and supple texture.

### Winemaker

After gentle crushing, the juice and grapes were fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks to maximize fruit extraction. The young wine then was pressed off the skins and aged in a mixture of seasoned American and French oak barrels for six months to gain complexity. The wine was bottled in August of 2002.

### Tasting Notes

Generous aromas and flavors of ripe black cherry and raspberry integrate seamlessly with cocoa and cedar complexity. This Syrah's alluring fruit and polished palate extend through the long, balanced finish.

### Technical Information

Appellation: Lodi, Barrel Composition: Small French & American Oak  
Barrel Aging: Six months, Alcohol: 15.1, PH: 3.63  
Total Acidity: 0.59 g/100ml