

BENSON | FERRY

Vineyards



Syrah Lodi 2003

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.

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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 result in ripe fruit, supple texture and superb balance.

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 2004.

Tasting Notes

Generous aromas and flavors of fresh raspberry and black cherry are accented by cocoa and eucalyptus complexity. This Syrah's appealing fruit and supple mouthfeel extend through the long finish. While already drinking well, its soft tannins and impressive balance suggest the potential of additional development with short-term cellaring.

Alcohol 14.7