

CANYON WIND

"We're really focused on letting the grape do the work and of allowing what you did in the vineyard to become the liquid you'll be working with."

*-Jay Christianson
Second Generation, Canyon Wind Cellars*

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

A recent addition to the Canyon Wind wine line-up, Syrah was planted in 2001 as part of our Cliffside Vineyard expansion project. With the first vintage in 2005 and continuing through the present, Syrah from our cliffside vineyard is reminiscent of a Rhone-produced wine. With a soil containing a much deeper sand component before the cobble bench is reached and deeper strata of clay, this vineyard makes an ideal home for the Syrah. This wine was created in our traditionally inspired low-intervention winemaking style. Post-fermentation, the wine was placed into an 11-month oak barrel program consisting of new, one and two-year old American and French oak.

2009 was the coldest year since our first planting. The extended time needed to bring the fruit to full ripeness created a nose rich in cherry and black pepper. Well-balanced with a smooth finish, the palate delights with blackberry, cinnamon and spices. 134 cases produced.

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Syrah



Grand Valley, Colorado

WINE PROFILE:

VARIETAL BLEND:

100% SYRAH

VINTAGE:

2009

APPELLATION:

GRAND VALLEY AVA

TERROIR:

100% CLIFFSIDE VINEYARD

TECHNICAL DATA:

ALCOHOL:

14.4%

WINE ACIDITY:

6.3 g/L

WINE pH:

3.69