Domaine de la Terre Rouge

TERREROUGE® AND EASTON WINES





SYRAH

HIGH SLOPES

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY DOMAINE DE LA TERRE ROUGE PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA.

2006 Terre Rouge Syrah "High Slopes", Sierra Foothills

This wine is made from three of our higher elevation Syrah sites. We thought that they expressed the racy aromatics of the Syrah grape that reminded us of Côte Rotie. We are bottling these three sites together as a special treat for those that appreciate the finesse that Syrah can achieve. The 2006 vintage yielded rich, profound and opulent wines. Two of these higher elevation vineyard sites are over 3,000 feet where it is quite cool and one is our coolest Syrah site at DTR Ranch in a deep, cool canyon. They ripened normally in 2006 (September 21, October 4 and 25) as the crop size was normal and these vineyards are mature at lower sugar levels. These up-slope lots have a lot of finesse and express the wonderful meaty, white pepper nuances of Syrah, while still retaining some of the smoky, spicy qualities of the grape. Our artisan cellar techniques include fermentation in small lots, special yeast strains, manual-punch downs, gentle transfers and pressing, and barrel aging for 20 months in French oak (33% new), prior to bottling the wine unfiltered. Only twelve barrels or 300 cases were produced.

14.5 % alcohol by vol.; 3.75 pH; 6.1 gm./liter total acidity.

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