



2005

The Brawler



APPELLATIONS: 100% Sierra Foothills AVA, Calaveras County
HARVEST DATE: October 20, 2005
VINEYARD: 100% Appaloosa Estate Vineyard
COMPOSITION:
ALC: 15.4%
PH:
TA:
CASES PRODUCED: 150 cases
CELLAR PRACTICES: All fruit is hand picked, hand sorted, destemmed and crushed with 15% whole cluster into small open top fermentors. Cold soaked for 4 days, inoculated with a specially selected yeast isolated from Rockpile AVA and fermented dry. Pressed into 100% French Oak barrels and aged for 17 months.

TASTING NOTES: This wine is inspired by the blends of Cote Rotie in the Rhone Valley of France. Containing 96% Syrah and 4% Viognier, the aromas are reminiscent of dark black berry fruits layered on top of black licorice, tar, and Christmas spices. The flavors follow with a rich mouthful of creamy dark fruit along with notes of cinnamon and clove. The finish is long, lingering and supple.

RETAIL PRICE: \$36

REVIEWS: 93 points ~ Wine Spectator, November 2007
Firm, ripe, intense and concentrated, with rich plum, blueberry, spice, anise, sage and light cedar. Offers complexity, depth and focus, with a long, persistent finish. The dash of Viognier gives this a sweet spot. Syrah and Viognier. Drink now through 2012. 150 cases made.

—James Laube, Wine Spectator