



CHARLES CREEK

VINEYARD

2006

Muy Bonito

A Syrah Blend - Napa County

Winemaker: Kerry G. Damskey
Production: 2015 cases
Date of Bottling: November 8, 2008

The Vineyards: Napa County

The Vintage: Kicking off with the dramatic floods of the New Year (no harm done to the vineyards) and rains that continued into the spring, bud break was a bit delayed in 2006. Although a few weeks behind the “normal” cycle, by June the vines had bloomed and fruit had set. A July heat wave may have helped to accelerate ripening but cooler weather in August and continued mild weather through harvest allowed for good flavor development at reasonable sugar levels.

The Blend: 73% Syrah, 18% Grenache, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon,
4% Tempranillo, 1% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking: 15 months maturation in new and seasoned French & American oak cooperage

The Wine: Very pretty indeed; this nod to the traditional southern Rhone blends (with a slight detour to include Tempranillo and the Cabernets) displays ripe red fruit aromas with hints of spice. Bright in the mouth the flavors of cherry and pepper spice are accented with a whiff of toasty oak, vanillin and caramel.

Serve with: Red sauced pastas, pulled pork, pizza or the usual red wine suspects such as beef and lamb. Try also with a seared rare, pepper-encrusted Tuna steak!

The Stats: Alc: 14.7%
TA: .64 G/100 ml
pH: 3.72
RS: 0.01%