



**GOOSECROSS®**

NAPA VALLEY

## **Napa Valley Syrah** **Vintage 2006 – our eighth flight**

This ancient variety was introduced to California in the 1800s, but wasn't of any great significance here until the last few decades. Winemaker, Geoff Gorsuch, comments that "It's hard to imagine, now, because it's so entrenched!"

### **Winemaker Notes**

"Syrah needs plenty of sunshine to lose its edge and show the fruit, so our climate's just about ideal – the wine's packed with deep, dark fruit and spice."

- **Flavor profile: Ripe plum, black cherry, with an earthy undertone and vanilla and black pepper**
- **2006 Vintage: A long, mild growing season was as close to perfect as you can get for Syrah producing deep, dark color and rich, concentrated flavors**
- **Drink now and through: 2012**

### **Food Suggestions**

Syrah partners well with rustic fare like beef stew, wild game, grilled sausages or slow-cooked dishes. Mediterranean dishes, like **Rabbit Cacciatore** from Colleen's recipe collection, complement its rich, fruity flavors.

### **Technical Notes**

- Total Cases: 679
- Appellation: 100% Napa Valley
- Component: 100% Syrah
- Alcohol: 14.4%
- Stainless Fermented: 100%
- French Oak: 100%
- Oak Aging: 16 months
- Harvest date: September, 2006
- Bottling date: June 4, 2008

