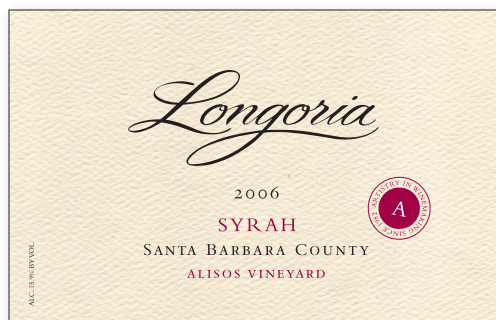


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2006 SYRAH

Santa Barbara County – Alisos Vineyard

It seems that Syrah and Rhône wines in general have yet to be widely accepted by the general wine consuming public. Furthermore, the style of Syrah most popular now seems to be what I call the “Aussie” style. I describe this style as having fruity aromas, slightly sweet flavors, low acidity, and easy to drink. Wines from the hotter climates of California are also made in this style.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Composition: 100% Syrah

Vineyard source: Alisos

Production: 172 cases

Alcohol by volume: 15.9%

pH: 3.68

Titrateable acidity: 0.60 g/100 ml.

Cellaring potential: Four to seven years

Bottle price: \$34.00

This Alisos Vineyard Syrah and other wines from cooler areas, like most of Santa Barbara County, have a more reserved style. Lovers of wines from the Rhône area of France, particularly Northern Rhône, find these versions much more to their liking.

The wine is very dark in color. The aromas are subdued upon the first smell but gradually begin to open up with time in the glass. The aromas are a mixture of spices, red fruit and hints of tobacco. On the palate the wine is immediately rich, with bright fruit flavors, but becomes leaner with excellent acidity. The tannins are very mild, and the oak is so well integrated as to not be evident. This is a wine that definitely needs time in the bottle to fully reveal all of its charms.

Enjoy with a variety of grilled meats, or a pasta dish with duck sausage, truffle oil and parmesan cheese would make a perfect pairing.

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Rick Longoria, Winemaker

March 1, 2009