:NOTA BENE CELLARS
Fine Red Wines from Washington State

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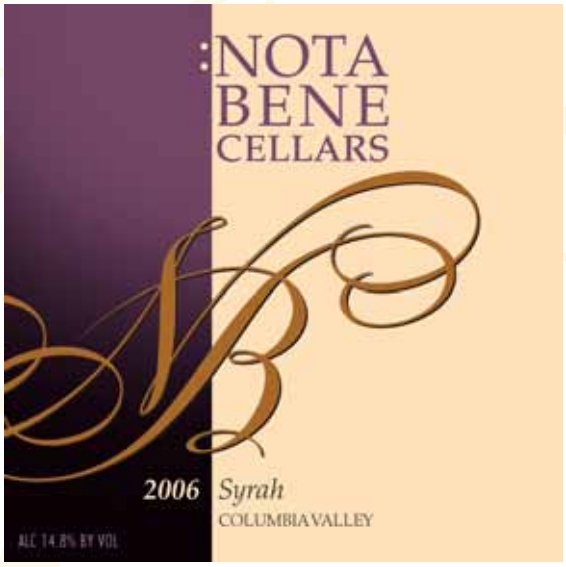
2006 Syrah
COLUMBIA VALLEY



THE BLEND 88% Syrah, *(44% Stillwater Creek Vineyard, 22% Smasne Farms Vineyard, 22% Stone Tree Vineyard)*, 12% Grenache *(Stone Tree Vineyard)*

THE VINEYARD Our three Syrah components were sourced from three very different terroirs. Stillwater Creek on the Royal Slope is nearly 1000 feet above sea level. A long growing season at Stillwater and an even later harvest at Smasne Farms in the Yakima Valley were the sources of the pepper nuance in the finish of this wine. Stone Tree Vineyard in the Wahluke Slope AVA contributed both a major slice of Syrah and the 12% Grenache component. Stone Tree is one of the warmest locations in the state and perfect for the Rhône varietals.

COOPERAGE 21 months in 22% new Saury American oak with the balance in once used French oak from Seguin Moreau, Alain Fouquet, Magrenian, and Vicard..

PRODUCTION 225 cases; bottled on 7/13/08

THE SPECS pH 3.84, TA 6.075 g/L, alcohol 14.8%

THE WINE Three big Syrahs come together to form the major components of this wine. They are followed by a generous helping of Grenache that give this wine a structure that will make it enjoyable for many years to come. At bottling we are so very glad these Syrah growers have nurtured their fruit to perfection. A formidable Southern Rh_ne character of earth and floral notes gives way to berries and chocolate over time…

THE WINERY :Nota Bene Cellars is a small, family-owned winery in Seattle. We're dedicated to sourcing the best grapes we can and then lovingly handling them throughout the process of making great wines for you. Enjoy this one with good food and good friends.

NOTES

NOTA BENE *(no-tah ben-nay)*: from Latin, *"note well"*; of wine, *"drink well"*