



2010 STICKYBEAK SYRAH

REGION: Monterey County (75%), Napa Valley (25%)
 VARIETALS: Syrah
 MATURATION: 18 months in French oak (40% new)
 ANALYSIS: 14.7% alc/vol | 5.82 g/L TA | 3.78 pH

VINEYARDS:

Alta Loma - Arroyo Seco, Monterey County: A magical bowl of a vineyard with the Estrella clone of Syrah atop Lockwood shaly loam soils that is tucked away at the southerly foot of the Santa Lucia Highlands. The aspect, morning fogs, and late cooling breeze help keep the fruit here lively and energetic that ultimately impart red berry and black pepper spiciness.

Krupp Vineyard – Atlas Peak, Napa Valley: Knowing the right people helps in this game and we were fortunate to work with a Napa vineyard we've always admired, owned by Jan Krupp on top of Atlas Peak and next to his Stagecoach holdings. It's a rugged, rocky vineyard that receives a lot of summer warmth, producing wildly concentrated fruit.

WINEMAKING:

A brief two day cold soak was followed by a two and a half week long fermentation. The wine was pressed at dryness, then bottled unfiltered and unfinned to retain the nuanced complexity of the Syrah grapes.

TASTING NOTES:

Deep, rich red in color, the 2010 Syrah exhibits aromas with complex layers of dark spicy chocolate, truffle, roasted nuts and cocoa. The palate has a dominant blueberry flavor. Long and plush, the tannins are silky yet bold at the same time.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

ABOUT THAT NAME... Ever been curious enough to stick your nose over someone's fence to see what's going on? Or peer through a crack in their front gate, just to get a better look? We have! Some people might say we're busybodies or nosey neighbors although we prefer the Australian term 'stickybeak.' And being Napa-based wine industry folk, it's hard not to be curious about the stunning vineyards and regions that surround us. In fact, as inquisitive vintners, it seemed only natural that we'd have a bit of a stickybeak in our own backyard to see what we could find.



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