

Young's Vineyard

2004 Syrah



WINERY

Young's Vineyard is nestled in the soft hills near the entrance of the Shenandoah Valley. When Steven purchased the property in 1992, there was an operating winery producing 1,000 cases of wine with seven acres of grapes. Today production has increased to 6,000 cases of wine. Consisting of our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Syrah, Sangiovese, and Barbera. The property is 30 acres, of which 20 are planted and producing. The reputation and demand for Young's wines has grown tremendously over the years.

Young's Vineyard is truly a family affair. Steven and his wife Annette were married on the property in 1994. His father, Stell, a retired Army Colonel and pilot, is a vital cog in both the vineyard and winery, and serves as chief tractor driver and head wine maker. Mother, Mary, serves as our honesty broker and keeps all of them on the straight and narrow! Rounding out the family workforce is Steven's talented sister, Sharon. She paints the original Harlequin artwork that is found on the labels.

DESCRIPTION

Steven Young describes the Syrah like this. My father claims he aged five years in 1993 when we cleared the hillside now home to our Syrah vineyard. Nick, my son, was one year old when the first grapes found their way to barrels. These grapes just want to be wine. This Syrah is an earthy wine with layers of dark fruit, tobacco, and a slight vanilla finish. The color, depth, and tannic structure tell me that this wine is one to cellar, if you have the patience.

PRODUCTION

1069 cases

PICKING STATISTICS

The trellised vines are from 1993 hillside planting.

Picked September/October 2004, 25.5 brix

FERMENTATION

Fermented in open topped tanks and punch down the cap, by hand, three times a day.

AGING

The wine is barrel aged in American Oak for 16 months

ANALYSIS

14.4% alcohol by volume

pH 3.52

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