

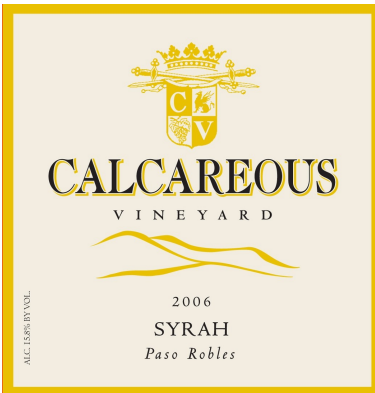
CALCAREOUS

VINEYARD



Variety

Syrah (98%)



Vintage: 2006 (95%)

Appellation: Paso Robles (100%)

Production: 865 cases

Notes: Stunning color is always a feature of Calcareous Boutique Syrah. Signature dark and silky forest fruits such as cherry dominate the bouquet and carry through to the mid palate. All complimented by a touch of oak and varietal spice. The finish is soft vanilla with a hint of white pepper. Perfect on its own or with spicy red meat dishes

Growing Season

2006 was a real year for the microclimates. Favored spots such as our Westside sheltered slopes shrug off the frosts and the downpours and soak up the warming rays. Midday ridge top breezes rustle through the vines drying off any remaining moisture from the cool morning fog. This year is a testament to the foresight of our vineyards founders.

Vineyards

Every year we see a bit more of the Calcareous Estate's inky black, dark cherry Syrah sneak into the blend. In the 2006 it's up to 20%. The balance was produced from super premium Killer Canyon Vineyard, a small single vineyard also located on the Westside of Paso Robles. The vineyard is dedicated to Rhone varietals and is planted to specific clones of Syrah. As Calcareous Syrah becomes more and more Estate driven, the Killer Canyon fruit may well be bottled under a yet to be released, single vineyard or single clone series offered by Calcareous.

Winemaker Notes

After hand sorting, each small lot was de-stemmed and crushed Fermentation was initiated with specifically selected yeast strains, the backbone of which was the unromantic sounding but rather refined D21. A four-a-day hand punch-down began thereafter and at the end of maceration, the free-run wine was separated from the press wine.

Each lot was fermented and then aged separately. We use a wide range of artesian coopers, who make barrels from the best forests within France (74%), Eastern Europe (6%), and America(20%) this all naturally came together to produce this remarkably complex yet integrated wine. It was so effective that very little winemaker input was required at final blending. The best wines are always like this. If you look hard you might find 1% Cabernet and 1% Petit Verdot, just to complement the structure and length. Otherwise this is pure Westside Syrah at its best.

The 2006 Syrah was barrel aged for 15 months and bottle aged for a full year prior to release.

Technical Notes

Alcohol: 15.8%

Brix: 26.9

pH: 3.72

TA: 6.08g/L