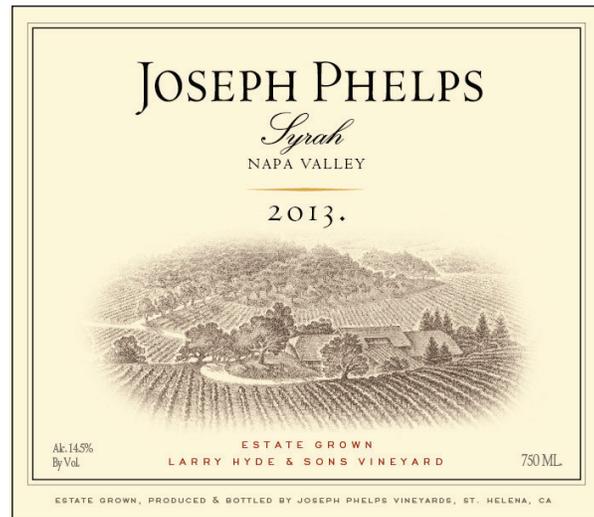


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Joseph Phelps Syrah, Larry Hyde & Sons Vineyard, Napa Valley 2013

Winemaking Data

Harvest Dates: The Viognier was picked on September 6, 2013 and the Syrah followed on October 3, 2013.

Blend: 95% Syrah from the Larry Hyde & Sons Vineyard in Carneros and 5% Viognier from our St. Helena Home Ranch Vineyard.

Winemaking Notes: During harvest, grapes were picked at night to preserve the fruit's temperature and freshness. The fruit was of such excellent quality, Syrah was fermented 53% whole cluster and 48% destemmed and gently crushed before fermentation, with regular punch downs until the desired texture was achieved. The wine was aged for eighteen months in 36% new French oak puncheons and 64% 2-3 year-old French oak (a mixture of puncheons and barrels) before bottling in July 2015. The barrel coopers included Ermitage, Demptos, Nadalie and François Frères.

This is our fourth vintage of Syrah from the Larry Hyde & Sons Vineyard and our second estate designation following a 2011 long-term estate vineyard lease agreement. This latest Syrah vintage offers perfumed aromas of white flower, violet, ripe blackberry and plum with hints of dried sage, tobacco and spice box. The balance of fruit and freshness on the palate captures the layers of rich dark fruit, licorice and white pepper spice followed by a luscious, lengthy finish.

Growing Season: The 2013 growing season proved to be an excellent year in Napa Valley. It was slightly warmer than 2012, resulting in an overall earlier growing season. Lower than normal rainfall paired with moderate spring weather brought with it early bud break and bloom. Sunny skies throughout the summer months led to early veraison and harvest. Warm daytime temperatures followed by cool nights prior to harvest produced evenly ripened fruit with ideal hang time. There is great purity of fruit in the 2013 wines, good structure and overall an excellent winegrowers vintage.

Review: 91 Points, "The 2013 Syrah Larry Hyde & Sons Vineyard is... co-fermented with 5% Viognier, giving the wine a floral, uplifted set of aromatics, followed by black raspberry and blackberry fruit. It has a nice, dark, chewy mouthfeel and a lush, heady, succulent finish. This is a sexy Syrah, and already showing some complexity. It should drink well for 8-10 years." -*R.P., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, Oct. 2015*