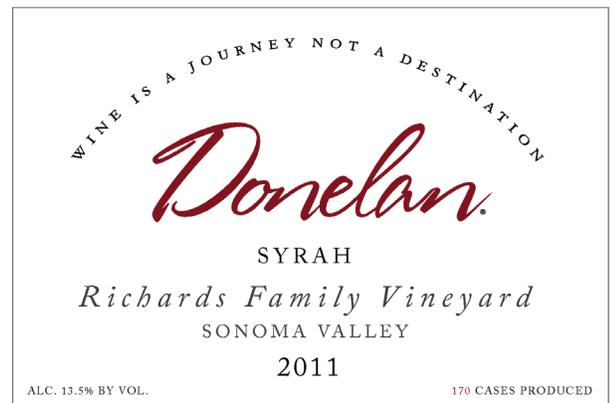




2011 Sonoma Valley Richards Family Vineyard Syrah

The 2011 Richards Family Vineyard Syrah is a demonstration in femininity. After the more brooding 2009 Richards Syrah, the 2011 vintage returns to a more romantic era of classic, cool-climate Syrah. Tannin and richness strike an impressive balance – as integrated as high thread-count linen - lending age-worthiness to the wine without weighing down the palate. Poised acidity contributes to its length and ethereal character. Originally home to fields of lavender, this vineyard creates an exceptional wine garnished delicately with sage, black truffle, and violets.

It is something of a mystery why the combination of a commonly planted clone of Syrah, decomposed volcanic soils unique to Sonoma, and moderate vine-age results in a wine that consistently redefines our appreciation of Syrah. At Richards Family Vineyard, this mystery unfolds on a winding, one-lane road nestled among Redwood trees, producing a Syrah that represents the ultimate culmination of site, vine, and terroir.



Cellar Notes:

Percentage New French Oak

40%

Bottling Date

March 26, 2014

Alcohol

13.5%

Composition

100% Syrah

Barrel Aging

22 months

Production

170 cases

- 100% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML