

Va Piano

Vineyards

2005 Syrah

20 Barrel Lot

Harvest Dates:	September 21 st – October 15th
Varietal Composition:	100% Syrah
Vineyard Sources:	Lewis Vineyards Porteus Vineyards, Ranch at the end of the Rd (Red Mt) Va Piano Estate Vineyards.
Appellation:	Columbia Valley Walla Walla Valley
Oak Composition:	40% New French 60% Neutral French Oak
Barrel Aging:	16 Months
Chemistry:	Alc 14.1%, pH 3.71, TA .62 g/100ml
Bottling Date:	February 15, 2007
Case Production:	475 cases
Price:	\$38/750ml \$456/case

Vintage Description

The growing season started out fairly warm. However, some cool weather in June slowed growth down in the vineyard allowing the clusters to reach full ripeness without the high sugars. Warm weather returned in July and we ended the year with above average degree days. Thanks to this perfect combination of warm summer days and cool autumn temperatures our 2005 harvest yielded extremely high quality grapes.

Winemaker Notes

The 2005 Syrah is a 20- barrel lot blend of Porteus Vineyard, Lewis Vineyard, Ranch at the end of the road, (Red Mt) as well as Va Piano Estate Vineyard. Aromas of blueberry, blackberry, black cherry, olive, plum, cherry cola, bacon and mineral followed by a long concentrated finish that lingers forever. The vineyards selected for this Syrah show the pure expression of the Syrah grape grown in Washington State. The Porteus Syrah shows intense flavors of mineral and bacon, the Lewis Vineyard offers the plum, black cherry and cherry cola and the Red Mountain Syrah adds layers of dark red fruit and beautiful bold tannin structure. The Va Piano Estate fruit contributes ultra fine tannins, black olive aromas with a creamy rich finish.