

The Reserve Series



2007 Mourvedre El Dorado 'Reserve'

Source: Fodhla Vineyard and Spanish Creek Ranch, El Dorado County

Harvest Date: October 20, 2007

Brix at Harvest: 26

Time in Barrel: 18 months

Type of Oak: New and used French & American

Alcohol: 15.9%

Bottled: April 9, 2009

Production: 179 cases

Winemaker's Notes: Called "Merlot of the Rhone" by the winemakers of Crystal Basin Cellars, this wine shows depth, complexity and a rich, round mouthfeel along with hints of blueberries, a peppery finish and the trademark dustiness of the Mourvedre varietal. This wine favors Bandol, the benchmark Mourvedre-based wine from France, but with the Sierra Foothill signature of low tannins.

The grapes are from the very small Fodhla Vineyard in Lotus and from Spanish Creek Ranch in Fair Play. Wines from these vineyards gain in complexity and depth each year as the vines mature.

Made in the Crystal Basin Cellars style of minimal handling and processing, this Mourvedre is approachable and delicious upon release, but should improve for up to 36 months after bottling, gaining complexity with age.

Every vintage is an Award Winning Wine!

Crystal Basin Cellars

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