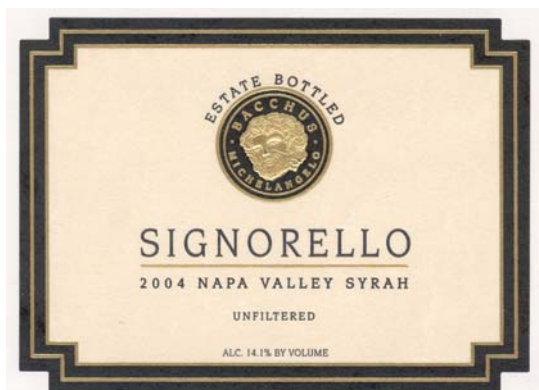


## **2004 SYRAH ESTATE**



**96 % Napa Valley Syrah  
4 % Napa Valley Viognier  
Harvested at 26 Brix, on  
September 10, 2004  
14.2% Alcohol  
0.58 TA / 3.81 pH  
300 Cases produced  
Release Date: December 1, 2005**

**2004 HARVEST REPORT:** Winemakers are predicting a memorable vintage for 2004 with fruit that bears the imprint of an early spring and a slow and steady ripening period that ended with a fast, hot finish several weeks ahead of traditional harvest timelines.

Positive reports extend out beyond Signorello Vineyards as good news came covering multiple varietals and districts. The white wines are powerful and aromatic and the reds are concentrated, deeply colored wines with firm acidity and full tannins.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** Our goal is to produce a full bodied complex wine in the Northern Rhone style that will age gracefully for many years. The must was pumped over two times daily to optimize extraction of the phenolic components (color and tannin). The wine was fermented and remained on the skins for 16 days before pressing and racking into 36% new French oak barrels for 14 months. The wine was bottled on December 1, 2005 without filtration.

**TASTING NOTES:** The 4% Viognier blended to the Syrah enhances the floral component to the nose. The light scent of lavender leads into flavors of vanilla, violet, blueberry and roasted coffee on the palate. The integrated tannins help achieve the long smooth finish. Drinkability 2006-2014.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** Our estate Syrah vineyard was planted in 1992 and is located on the Silverado trail in the Oak Knoll district. The split canopy maximizes the ripening of the fruit. Leaf removal, fruit thinning and dry farming are used to achieve the perfect maturity for these varietals.

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