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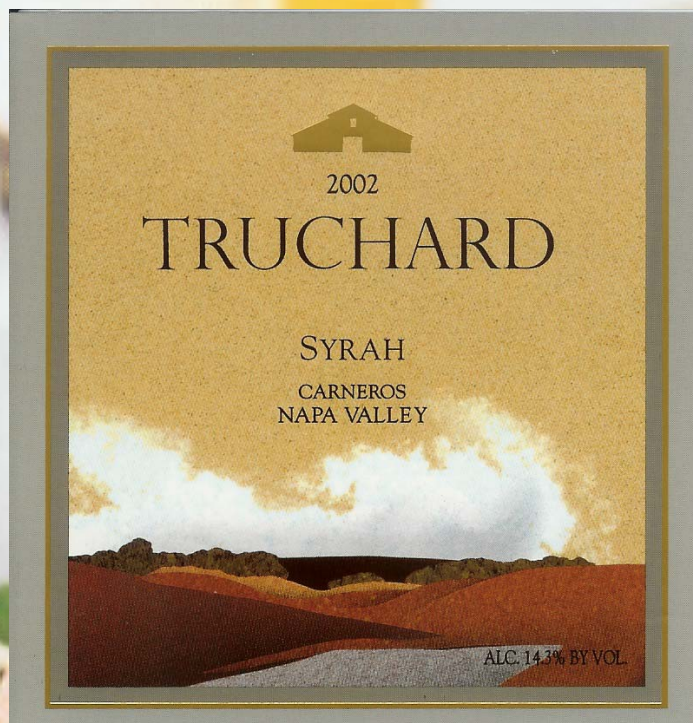
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### Syrah and Syrah Blends

**93** | Truchard \$28  
**2002 Carneros Napa Valley Syrah** Cool Carneros soils helped control the ripeness in this syrah, enabling the fruit to mature to a vinous rather than blunt, grapey flavor. That vinous character glows with red, black and purple clarity, the luscious texture shot through with cracked black peppercorn spice. A lovely young syrah to decant for grilled lamb chops. (4,056 cases) *Truchard Vineyards, Napa, CA*

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