

Jeb Dunnuck's THE RHONE REPORT

TRUCHARD

2010 Truchard Roussanne	White	89
2009 Truchard Syrah	Red	90

Website: www.truchardvineyards.com

2010 Truchard Roussanne (USA, California, Napa Valley, Carneros) **\$22**

A solid Roussanne, the 2010 Truchard Roussanne is fermented and aged, on lees, in 20% new French oak, with a portion of the blend (30%) going through malolactic fermentation. The wine shows perfume and intense notes of pineapple, orange rind, and lemon, with rich base notes of vanilla and crème showing more with air. On the palate, this medium-bodied, balanced white shows a light, fresh texture, juicy acidity, and ample length on the finish. This is enjoyable on its own, but given the balance of acidity and fruit, it will also be versatile on the dinner table. Drink bottles over the coming 2-3 years. **(89 pts.)**

2009 Truchard Syrah (USA, California, Napa Valley, Carneros) **\$NA**

A very pretty Syrah and the equal of the '08, the 2009 Truchard Syrah is age for 10 months in 90% French oak and 10% American, 30% of both being new. Possessing rich, layered aromas of fresh plum, blackberry, crushed stone, pepper, and charred meat, this medium+ bodied Syrah has an energetic texture, good concentration, solid acidity, and a dry, focused finish that has a tannic edge. This needs a short decant to show at its best, and should continue to shine for 3-5 years. **(90 pts.)**