

Truchard Vineyards Syrah

2004 Vintage

90 Points - Elegant, with rich, polished, grapey wild berry, floral and blackberry scents that are sharply focused, ending with good length and integrated tannins. *Wine Spectator*

2003 Vintage

92 Points - Decant this syrah to get past the initial scents of black fruit and smoke. A redder tone emerges, as does a gamey scent. The peppery spice of the tannin lengthens with the red fruit, capturing the silkiness of the texture and seeming to extend it. The Truchards consistently grow one of the more elegant syrahs in California. It's well suited to several years of age. *Wine & Spirits*

★★★★★ Extremely supple, ripely flavored, and rich in style; it is full bodied, lightly oaked, and very long on the palate, with a finish reminiscent of raspberry, clove, cedar, boysenberry, and tobacco. Great Value - Ronn Weigand MS, MW, *Restaurant Wine*

Best Red \$15-30 Sunset Magazine— A meaty Syrah with rich, dark berries set off by smoke and pepper.

91 Points - Intense and vibrant, with vivid wild berry, pepper, plum and lavender scents that turn supple and harmonious on the palate, ending with a rich, lingering aftertaste. Drink now through 2011. 2,087 cases made. -JL *Wine Spectator*

2002 Vintage

93 Points - 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. *Wine & Spirits*

93 Points - Boasts the ideal combination of fruit and spice—a lively blend of blackberry and black pepper aromas that comes across as brandied spicecake with dried fruit on the palate, yet without any excess alcohol. The full-bodied, lush mouthfeel moves seamlessly into a long, peppery finish. Bravo! (9/1/2005) – *Wine Enthusiast*

2001 Vintage

90 Points - The dense ruby/purple-tinged 2001 Syrah offers up big, smoky, bacon-infused, blackberry aromas, deep, rich, concentrated fruit, medium to full body, supple tannin, and heady finish. *The Wine Advocate*

1999 Vintage

90 Points - The yummy, smoky, licorice, blackberry, and graphite-scented and flavored, opulent 1999 Syrah possesses medium to full body, powerful yet soft, complex flavors, tremendous perfume, and gorgeously pure fruit offered in a seamless style. There are just over one-thousand cases of this beautifully made, elegant Syrah. Drink it over the next 5-6 years. *The Wine Advocate*

1998 Vintage

Best Syrah of the Year - Wine News

1997 Vintage

92 Points - Dark, rich, intense and spicy, with peppery currant, blackberry and spice, fanning out with dense mineral, coffee and tea. Has the tannic strength to age. Best from 2001 through 2008 James Laube. *Wine Spectator*

1992 Vintage

The first great syrah from the US debuts in Carneros' Truchard Vineyards. A stunning Syrah, which displays the classic character of northern Rhone reds (Cote Rotie) more so than any other Syrah we've tasted outside France. – Ronn Weigand MS, MW, *Restaurant Wine*

