



## **Qupé 2005 Purisima Mountain Vineyard Syrah**

This wine is 100% syrah from the Purisima Mountain Vineyard, owned by the Beckmen family, just west of Los Olivos in the Santa Ynez Valley. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive Single Vineyard Selection bottling from this outstanding vineyard.

Purisima Mountain always gives us our most elegant syrah and that was the case again in the great 2005 Harvest.

The grapes were harvested in perfect balance on October 5<sup>th</sup>. It's a combination of Estrella clone and UC Davis Clone One.

The grapes were destemmed and transferred to a small open top fermenter and cold soaked for 3 days. Fermentation lasted 11 days with twice a day manual punch downs. The wine was aged 15 months in François Freres Burgundy barrels (20% new). 96 cases were bottled without fining or filtration in February 2007.

This is the most approachable and elegant of our 2005 Single Vineyard Selection syrahs. It shows hints of lavender, thyme, raspberry and pepper with a nice streak of minerality. The balance of this wine reminds me of the 2001... it should age beautifully.