



Harvested; Bottled

9/12/13; 6/2/15

Appellation

El Dorado

Varietal(s)

Syrah

Brix at Harvest

25

Quantity

200 Cases

Alcohol

14.4%

Stonehaven Vineyard Reserve Syrah

2013 Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

Winemaker's Notes

Syrah is grown throughout the Rhône Valley of France with wine styles that range from the mineral and tannic nature of Hermitage in the north, to fruity and perfumed wines from Côte-Rôtie in the south.

Syrah first appeared as a wine grape in California in the 1970s, where it was planted by a group of viticulturists who called themselves "Rhône Rangers." California Syrahs, much like those in France, vary a great deal based on the climate and terroir that they inhabit. In exceptionally warm regions, such as parts of Napa, the wine is often blended with other Rhône varieties. Other appellations, primarily mountainous ones like El Dorado, tend to produce varietal-based wines that can stand on their own.

This 2013 Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards Reserve Syrah is intense with a dark purple-black color and features characters of blackberry and black raspberry fruit, smoke (toasted oak) and has a smooth, supple texture. A very good candidate for cellaring and should age at least 6 months with continued aging for an additional five years.

Food Recommendations: Roasted Lamb, Grilled Steak, Kabobs, Roasted Pork, Ham, Ravioli, Smoked Turkey.

Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

Charles B. Mitchell has been producing award-winning wines in the Sierra Foothills for over 20 years. In the early 2000s, he purchased the original UC Davis test plot and started to carefully tend our grapes to create some of the area's premier Zinfandels. After discovering the true potential of the region, Charles was instrumental in creating the thirty-three square miles known as Fair Play into an established American Viticultural Area.