



Fratelli Perata Winery

2005 Syrah, Estate

So what's this Rhone doing here in the lineup? It certainly seems to have found a home in Paso Robles. To quote a visiting Australian winemaker from the early 1990's: "This is the best place in the whole world to grow Shiraz!" And so away we go, with hundreds of acres planted in the County, hundreds of wineries producing Syrah/Shiraz in many different styles. What do we want from this grape? Something deep, red, smooth, luscious, accessible but ageable. In our style, not the Rhone standard, but a more Australian leaning. This is 100% Syrah, no Cabernet blended as is often done. This is cherry and leather, no bacon. This is our wine. Give it a little bottle age and it will find a home with you, too.

Harvested	October 23, 2005
Brix	24.7
pH	3.3
Fermentation	open top bin, punched down by hand, cool fermentation retaining fruit
Pressed	November 1, 2005 to 2 new, 1 neutral American oak barrel
Food pairing	Piemontese Chestnuts alla Famiglia Perata