



## 2007 Syrah Terra Bella Vineyard



The Terra Bella Vineyard has become a favorite of mine...hailing from the hilly reaches west of the 101, in Paso Robles...adjacent to Halter Ranch, Adelaida, and Tablas Creek...a truly great “neighborhood.” Syrah and Grenache is grown in several different blocks there...Because we craft the Estate Wines for the Hopkins Family (the vineyard owners), we get the best possible fruit from this stunning, steep hillside vineyard. The Syrah from this vineyard grows on steep, limestone-rich hillsides and arrives at the winery very ripe yet balanced, yielding a deeply colored wine (darkest in the cellar) with distinctive aromas and flavors of blueberries and raspberries. We aged the wine in mostly new French Oak. We bottle the wine after a minimum of 18 months in French Oak barrels.

**Varieties:** 100% Hillside Grown Syrah

**Vineyard Composition:**

100% Syrah, Terra Bella Vineyard, Paso Robles

**Production:** 400 12bottle X 750 mL Cases

**Release Date:** January, 2010

**Release Price:** \$36/750 mL Bottle

**Recent Reviews:**

**91 Points Robert Parker, Jr. *The Wine Advocate*** “The outstanding 2007 Syrah Terra Bella Vineyard exhibits blackberry, pepper, and meat juices with some licorice and earth. Some cassis also makes an appearance in this full-bodied wine, which is pure, lush, round, and generous, but seems to be trying to hide some tannins in the structured finish. It is approachable now but should age nicely for another 7-8 years.”

**General Praise for Andrew Murray Vineyards**

**From Robert Parker, Jr.** “One of the shining stars in the Santa Barbara Firmament”, and “Andrew Murray’s offerings are a breath of fresh air given their exceptionally high quality and realistic prices-readers take note.” And **Food and Wine Magazine** named Andrew ‘Taste Maker of the Year’ and described him as, “One of the most fearsome talents in food and wine.”

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