



## 2009 EL DORADO RESERVE SYRAH

**Sources:** Bush Brothers Sumu-Kaw Vineyard, El Dorado County

**Harvest Dates:** 4 Different Clonal Lots:  
Sept 24, 2009 / Oct 3, 2009 / Oct 9, 2009 / Oct 10, 2009

**Brix at Harvest:** 26.5 to 27.5 brix

**Time in Barrel:** 18 months

**Type of Oak:** Neutral French & American

**Alcohol:** 15.5%

**Bottled:** April 21, 2011

**Production:** 311 cases

**Winemaker's Notes:** The classic Northern Rhone wine grape is packed with rich ripe fruit and blackberry flavors with a touch of spiciness. We have a great history with this vineyard dating back to 1993. These grapes are potentially the most true to form for this vertical, exhibiting the traditional gamey flavors that tend to go well with lamb.

This wine exudes the character of the Rhone River Valley and has a hint of smokiness and soft tannins. This is a big Syrah with supple tannins that will go with most meat dishes. We almost always win medals (mostly Silvers) for this wine –no matter what competition we enter it into.

Our Syrah gets fermented with two different UC Davis yeast strains that distinctly complement each other. We wait until these are finished wines and then blend them at the second racking.

This wine will serve quite well up until 2015. Then it will serve better!!