

DELECTUS

N A P A V A L L E Y

2001 Syrah, Mt. George Vineyard

Under Gerhard's watchful eye, two friends in the neighborhood joined forces with us during the spring of 1999 and everyone planted identical Syrah clones and rootstocks on their properties. The total acreage is just below two. Diligent farming and extreme crop thinning in June '01 produced this little gem that has surprised us with its depth, considering the vines' young age.

Vineyards: Delectus, Humble, Viscia
Appellation: Coombsville, Napa Valley
Composition: 95.5% SY, 4.5% CS
Case Production: 125
Release Date: 3/04

Winemaker notes: Initial aromas of mushrooms and tar air out quickly and give way to intense blackberry pulp, pepper, smoked ham, and dark cherry. The mouth features roasted nut flavors, concentrated dark fruit (almost reduction sauce like), and good length.
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