



COMPOSITION 100% Shiraz
Exclusively Rhone clones

APPELLATION Ashley Estate Vineyard,
Oak Knoll, Napa Valley

COOPERAGE Aged 24 months 70% new
French Oak, medium toast Burgundy barrels

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

PRODUCTION 993 cases

RELEASE PRICE \$26.00

CARAVAN STORY

Caravan has achieved its own unique style since its inception in 2001. Caravan Shiraz is a new product in the portfolio with this inaugural 2005 vintage. The wine is an assemblage of two main components: 1.) an estate vineyard producing wines with more fruit and roundness; 2.) Shiraz components from the Ashley estate remaining after the Signature Shiraz blend is achieved.

TASTING NOTES

A distinctive Shiraz bearing the hallmarks of Northern Rhone Syrah including white pepper spice, orange rind and blackberry liquor with accessible structure. Its layers are a decadent blend of espresso notes with both ripe red fruits and rich jammy black fruits. Anise notes spice up the palate and linger with elements of earth into a long finish.

VINIFICATION

- ~ Meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar
- ~ Hand-harvested into small 28 lb baskets
- ~ Hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming
- ~ Cold soaked for 72 hours in small lots for fermentation in a combination of open and closed top fermenters
- ~ Pumped over three times per day, pressed and racked to barrels
- ~ Each barrel lot was racked 2 times per year for clarity

FOOD AFFINITIES

Dress it up with roast lamb or filet mignon. Dress it down with roast chicken or shish-kebabs. This is a versatile wine that will pair well with savory, salty, and mild spiced dishes.

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