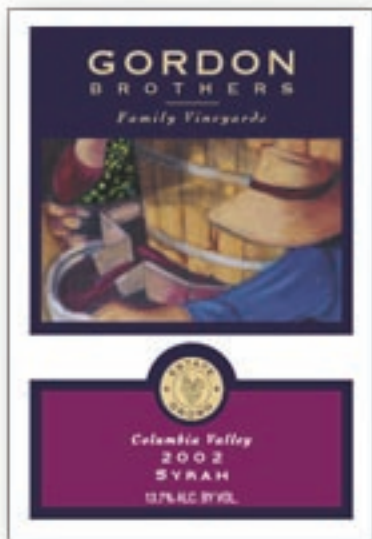


GORDON BROTHERS

Family Vineyards



2002 *Syrah* ESTATE GROWN ~ COLUMBIA VALLEY

- **COMPOSITION:** 100% Syrah, Gordon Bros. Estate
- **AGING:** 17 months in French Oak
- **pH:** 3.65
- **TA:** 0.68g / 100mL
- **ALCOHOL:** 13.7%
- **BOTTLED:** March 2005
- **PRODUCTION:** 1,862 cases

VINTAGE

2002 started with a mild and short winter, resulting in no vine damage. Ideal spring weather led to an early bud break and complete flowering. The absence of rain made for a beautiful fruit set. Summer temperatures were above average and rainfall was below average, resulting in very complete ripening. September was warmer than average. This short blast of heat made for great structure, complex flavors, and ripeness in the Syrah grapes.

WINEMAKING

The 2002 Estate Grown Syrah was harvested at 26.8 brix and gently crushed into stainless steel fermenters. The skins and juice were allowed to "cold soak" for a number of days prior to the addition of cultured yeast. This process creates darker colors and enhances the ripeness of flavors. After fermentation was completed, the finished wine was drawn off and the skins were pressed. 100% of the vintage was aged in small oak barrels, the majority being from French forests, for 17 months. Gentle racking of the barrels allowed for the removal of solids without filtration.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This sexy Syrah introduces itself with vanilla, raspberry and slight rose petal on the nose, followed by a mouthful of jammy fruit and espresso with a perfect layer of dark chocolate and underlying clove. Serve this dense, slightly meaty Syrah with lamb or prime rib for a fantastic meal!

AWARDS & *Reviews*

2006 Decanter World Wine Awards

– International Trophy for
Rhône Varietal Over £10 (\$19 US)

2006 Washington CEO Magazine Wine Competition

– BEST SYRAH

2005 Eastern International Wine Competition

– Gold Medal

Wine Spectator - 88

Beverage Tasting Institute/ Tastings.com - 88

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

2005 Wines of the World Competition

– Silver Medal

2005 Tasters Guild International Wine Competition

– Silver Medal