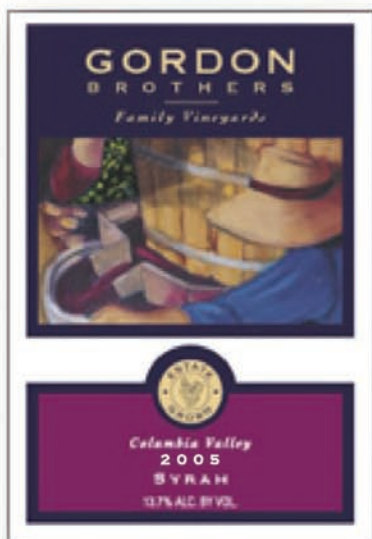


GORDON BROTHERS

Family Vineyards



AWARDS & *Reviews*

Wine & Spirits Magazine - 90

"This is brooding at the outset, with aromas of black fig compote dusted with cocoa. The wine takes shape and fills out in the glass as the fruit morphs into the dark, spicy plum flavors you'd find in a Châteauneuf-du-Pape, with a plucky acidity that keeps the wine bright to the end."

2005 *Syrah* ESTATE GROWN ~ COLUMBIA VALLEY

- **COMPOSITION:** 100% Syrah, Gordon Bros. Estate
- **AGING:** 18 months in French & American Oak
- **pH:** 3.81
- **TA:** 0.52g / L
- **ALCOHOL:** 13.7%
- **PRODUCTION:** 2,058 cases

VINTAGE

Blessed with another summer with lots of sunshine, our grapes matured beautifully. A late August cooling prolonged our harvest date by almost 3 weeks. The additional hang time gave us deeply concentrated flavors.

WINEMAKING

The 2005 Estate Grown Syrah was harvested at peak ripeness and gently crushed into open top stainless steel fermentation tanks. The skins and juice were allowed to "cold soak" for 48 hours 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. The entire vintage was aged in small oak barrels.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Enticing aromas of cherry, dried blueberries and spice introduce themselves in this big, bold Syrah. Earthy flavors of cedar, leather, pepper and espresso linger into a well-balanced finish. Pair this beautiful Syrah with grilled, smoked leg of lamb or peppercorn steak.