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Otis Kenyon 2006 Syrah

Year: 2006

Varietals: 95% Syrah & 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Vineyard: 76% Patina, 19% Va Piano & 5% Windy Ridge

Winemaker: Dave Stephenson

Alcohol: 14.9 %

Date bottled: June 2008

Release date: November 2008

Production: 266 cases

The 2006 Syrah differs from its predecessor in vineyard sources, but not in quality. The 20% new French oak is balanced with 80% neutral oak, allowing the berry flavors to truly show.

The nose begins with a spicy earth tone, like drinking Mexican hot chocolate in a peat bog, but quickly comes the huckleberry and finely ground black pepper. In the mouth the berry takes on the darker components of blackberry without ever loosing the earth. The soft luxurious mouthfeel leaves you craving the next sip.

This wine goes wonderfully with a rich herbed goat cheese.