



# 2005 Syrah

## ~Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information~

<b>Vintage:</b>	2005
<b>Variety:</b>	Syrah
<b>Blend:</b>	90% Syrah, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, & 1% Merlot
<b>Components:</b>	Alcohol- 14.5%; pH- 3.66; TA- .58
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope
<b>Vineyard/Source:</b>	Riverbend Vineyards, Mattawa , WA
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Mike Wade; co-owner Fielding Hills Winery
<b>Harvest:</b>	October 2005 early morning hand harvested into small 25 pound harvest lugs
<b>Vinification:</b>	Harvest lugs are individually inspected, with grapes clusters then stemmed and crushed directly into small "one-ton" fermentors. The must is then allowed to settle for 24 hours when a combination of Prise de Mousse & Pasteur Red yeast was added. Twice each day the must is checked and punched down. When nearly dry, the free run wine is transferred directly into oak barrels with the remaining must gently pressed in a small press. Bottled unfined and unfiltered resulting in superb color, clarity, and flavor.
<b>Aging:</b>	19 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels; 77% new
<b>Production:</b>	156 cases
<b>Bottling date:</b>	May 19, 2007
<b>Release date:</b>	October 1, 2007
<b>Tasting Notes:</b>	<p>“Supple and heady with dark berry, violet, bacon and cinnamon aromas and flavors. These are backed by pepper and clove notes as you head toward the long finish. The tannins are well integrated and are a great foundation for the opulent flavors.” B. R.</p> <p>“There are many dimensions to this exceptional Syrah. The nose is so lovely, predominated by toasted cocoa bean, espresso bean, smoke, and lush buttery black cherry. Flavors are of black cherry and black currant intertwined with smoke, soft barrel toast, minerals, white pepper, and layers and layers of fruit. The finish lingers - it's a complex, multi-dimensional Syrah from start to finish. Tannins are seamless, acidity is lively but not intrusive.” J.Y. @ avalonwine.com</p>

Fielding Hills Winery was started in July 2000 by Mike & Karen Wade. The grapes are from estate grown, family owned RiverBend Vineyards in Mattawa, WA. The winery is located in East Wenatchee, WA. The winemaking methods utilize a small lot, hand crafted style.

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