



RAMEY

Syrah

RODGERS CREEK VINEYARD

SONOMA COAST

VINEYARD

Appellation	Sonoma Coast (Petaluma Gap)
Soil	Old, rocky volcanic soils
Clonal Selection	Planted to Syrah Clones 470 and 877, with three rows of Viognier
Site	This unique property is on the western, cooler side of Sonoma Mountain, which provides the savory character that to us defines Syrah. Our block was planted to our specifications in 2002 and is positioned 800 feet up the southwest face of Sonoma Mountain, in the "Petaluma Gap" which sweeps cool Pacific air past on its way to the Central Valley.

VINTAGE

Growing Season	The 2009 vintage came close to ideal, with steady, moderate temperatures throughout the growing season, no desiccating heat spikes and no rain until all the Chardonnay had been picked. The 2009's are slightly more elegant and even keeled than the 2008's.
Harvest Brix	October 12 th 24.5°

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	92% Syrah and 8% Viognier, which we harvest at the same time and co-ferment.
Fermentation	We like the inclusion of whole Syrah clusters in the fermentation and so add 25-30%; this seems to heighten the "Syrahness." Other aspects of fermentation and <i>élevage</i> are the same as with all of our winemaking—whole-cluster pressed, native yeast and malolactic fermentations.
Aging	This vintage aged <i>sur lies</i> with monthly <i>bâtonnage</i> and rested 27 months in 91% new French barrels. This wine was bottled without filtration.
Cases Alcohol	335 14.5%

" This cool climate brings out the savory characteristics of the variety, as opposed to its jammy, fruity side, and one finds here aromas and flavors of smoked meats, white pepper, green olive and grapefruit, with an almost Pinot-like texture and balance on the palate; definitely not an overblown Shiraz style." - David Ramey
