



## 2006 Syrah

At Kinton, we are dedicated to producing Syrah from some of the finest vineyard sites in Santa Barbara County. Our wines are dense and concentrated, elegant and sleek. It's not by accident that Kinton is located in Santa Barbara County—one of California's most celebrated appellations for Syrah. The unique conditions of our region let us create Syrahs displaying both intensity and balance.

Peter Fraser oversees all of our viticulture and winemaking at Kinton Vineyards. When it comes to winemaking philosophy, Peter believes it is less about technique and more about preserving the essential taste of the vineyard. While he employs traditional winemaking methods such as open-top fermentation, hand punch-down, and wild yeast fermentations, Peter knows that intelligent viticulture is the key to creating great wines.

The 2006 is deep and concentrated with plum and dark berry, lifted with high notes of cherry, spiced with black pepper, and scented with hints of smoky dark chocolate.

2006 Syrah Specifics			
<b>COMPOSITION:</b> 100% Syrah	<b>VINEYARD SOURCES:</b> 82% Barham, 13% Neely, 5% Tepusquet	<b>APPELLATION:</b> Santa Barbara County	
<b>BARREL AGING:</b> 10 months, 90% French Oak, 10% American Oak, 25% new Oak	<b>ALCOHOL:</b> 14.7%	<b>pH:</b> 3.55	<b>TA:</b> .65
<b>BOTTLING DATE:</b> February 2008	<b>RELEASE DATE:</b> Summer 2009	<b>WINEMAKER:</b> Peter Fraser	<b>VITICULTURALIST:</b> Grant Cremers

### Barham Vineyard

The Barham Vineyard is located south of Los Alamos in west Santa Barbara County. It is planted to Entav clone 877 in flinty rock mixed with sandy loam. Throughout the growing season, maritime influences from the Pacific Ocean cloak the vineyard in mild temperatures. This extends the ripening period, allowing the grapes time to gain rich, complex flavors, but still maintain freshness and finesse. The vines are grown on a modified lyre trellis, which splits the canopy in two, maximizing light exposure to the fruit. Peter uses a technique called "sacrificial cane" to trick the vine into producing more clusters with smaller berries, and then reduces the number of clusters at veraison to create more concentrated flavors.

### Neely Vineyard

The Neely Vineyard is just east of Los Alamos in Santa Barbara County. The Syrah here is planted in deep sandy loam and is grown on single fruiting wire using the vertical shoot positioning trellis. The site is again cool climate, but the individual location of the Syrah is elevated, with a warmer aspect. Neely Vineyard is a uniform site producing very low yields with small bunches, small berries and intense flavors. Canopy spreaders ensure no shoot crowding, and a green harvest at veraison encourages uniform ripeness.

### Tepusquet Vineyard

The Tepusquet Vineyard is situated in the heart of the Santa Maria Valley benchland. It is planted to the "Estrella Clone" which was grafted on Cabernet Sauvignon roots in 1991. (The low vigor Cabernet roots help balance the mature Syrah vines.) The benchland soil is formed from ancient alluvial deposits, making it exceptionally well drained, restricting vine vigor and promoting small berries with intense concentration. The vines are grown using the hanging cane trellis, which maximizes the number of leaves available to produce flavor and sugar for the grapes in such a cool climate.