

2008 Syncline Mourvedre Coyote Canyon Vineyard

Rating: 90
Drink: -

The 2008 Mourvedre Coyote Canyon Vineyard is a glass-coating opaque purple color. It sports an inviting nose of underbrush, brier, Asian spices, incense, garrigue, and plum. Dense, ripe, and complex, this lengthy Mourvedre captures the essence of this grape in a big way.

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2008 Syncline Pinot Noir

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The 2008 Pinot Noir Columbia Gorge, sourced from the Celilo Vineyard (55%) and the Underwood Mountain Vineyard (45%), and made with 20-30% whole clusters. Dark ruby-colored, it displays an enticing perfume of black cherry, black raspberry, spice box, and incense. Savory on the palate and already revealing some complexity, this intense Pinot will have more to say with another 2-3 years of bottle age.

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2008 Syncline G S M C Cuvee Elena

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Drink: 2012-2020

The 2008 Cuvee Elena is a blend of 48% Grenache, 24% Mourvedre, 13% Syrah, with the balance Cunoise and Cinsault aged in neutral barrels and concrete. It offers up a nose of underbrush, brier, spice box, plum, and boysenberry. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it has excellent volume, intense fruit, good depth, and a lengthy, pure finish. Give it 2-3 years of additional bottle age and drink it through 2020.

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2009 Syncline Rose

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The 2009 Rose is a blend of Cinsault, Cunoise, Grenache, Mourvedre, and Carignan. Light pink in color, it reveals a fragrant nose of cherry blossom, strawberry, and rhubarb. Dry on the palate with plenty of spicy, savory fruit, this balanced, lengthy Rose will provide pleasure over the next 12-18 months.

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2008 Syncline Syrah Mckinley Springs

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The 2008 Syrah McKinley Springs Vineyard was co-fermented with 2% Viognier. It exhibits an expressive nose of cedar, smoked meat, game, blueberry, and blackberry. Ripe and fleshy on the palate, this complex Syrah has enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years but can be enjoyed now.

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2009 Syncline Viognier Coyote Canyon Vineyard

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The 2009 Viognier Coyote Canyon Vineyard was 50% fermented with native yeasts with no malolactic fermentation. It delivers an alluring bouquet of mineral, pit fruits, and baking spices leading to a lengthy, smooth-textured, concentrated wine with serious flavor interest. Drink this first-class Viognier over the next 1-2 years.

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