



2007 Canis Major Syrah

Of all our Canis Major wines, the UntiVineyard Syrah is the one with a “wild” side. We think of it as our Marilyn Monroe wine - seductive and sexy, full and voluptuous - where dark, ripe fruit and French oak combine into something special.

2007 Vintage

Gold Medal - 2011 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

2006 Vintage

Gold Medal - 2010 National Women's Wine Competition

Silver Medal - 2011 California State Fair

Silver Medal - 2009 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Silver Medal - 2011 San Francisco International Wine Competition

2005 Vintage

Gold Medal - 2009 Grand Harvest Awards

Silver Medal - 2009 SF International Wine Competition

Silver Medal - 2008 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Silver Medal - 2009 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

2004 Vintage

DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL - 2007 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Unti Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley

George Unti farms a diverse vineyard along Dry Creek Valley's eastern half and we are excited to be into “year five” of our Syrah adventure with him. Syrah is a relative newcomer to Dry Creek Valley and our block (3 rows totaling 186 vines) was planted in the mid 1990's. The block is located in the lower section of George's vineyard near the Dry Creek, and has thin sandy loam soils with divergerating root-stock that limit yields to 2.5 to 3 tons per acre.

Brenda's Winemaking

Brenda affectionately calls 2007 her “fog vintage. Not because of an abnormal weather pattern that influenced the grapes. Rather, her winemaking memories for the year are a bit “foggy” due to the birth of her twins Katie and Porter on August 16. By all recollections, not matter how “foggy” her memories are, Brenda's winemaking focused on gentle handling and the right choice of oak. Brenda's oak regime was 100% French, with approximately 40% new Bel Air barrels—her “signature.” Aging took place over 19 months.

Tasting Notes

This wine has beautiful aromas of wild strawberry jam. Definitely ripe red fruits that taste “wild” in the sense of the nit of hers and spice that complex the wine's core berry fruit. Youthful tannins frame the wine's finish.



Information

Vintage:	2007
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Vineyard:	Unti Vineyard
Alcohol:	15.5%
Produced:	202 cases
UPC:	8 50432 07022 1



The constellation “Canis Major” is famous the world over; resembling a large dog it is known as “The Greater Dog.” Canis Major seems a fitting name for our “big dog” wines.

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