

# 2007 Alfaro Family Vineyard “A” Estate Syrah

## The Vineyard:

Founded in 1998 by Richard and Mary Kay Alfaro, Alfaro Family Vineyards is dedicated to the production of Estate Bottled Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Merlot and Syrah.

**Ryan Spencer Vineyard**, named after the Alfaro's son, was planted in 2001. It is comprised of 7 acres broken into 6 different blocks on a very steep hill between 450 and 800 feet in elevation. **La Escalera** is a terraced hillside block planted to Hermitage clones of Syrah. On the top of the hill is **Mrs. K's** block. It is planted to Syrah clones 470, 877 and 174 with a vine density of over 2300 vines per acre.

## Winemaking:

The grapes were 100% de-stemmed, with half the berries lightly crushed and the other half left as whole berrys. The grapes were cold soaked in small open-topped fermenters for six days. Fermentation was spontaneous. According to traditional methods, punch downs were performed three times daily by hand. After fermentation the wine was pressed off directly into French oak barrels where it underwent malo-lactic fermentation and was aged for 20 months on the lees. This wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

## The Wine:

This is a beautiful and darkly rich Syrah that has intense ripe fruit and exotic spiciness. It is lush with blackberry, pepper and spice, licorice flavors and smoky layers. Firm tannins and mouth watering acidity combine for a long finish.

## Technical Data:

**Production** 307 cases

**Yield Per Acre** 1.97 ton

**PH** 3.61    **TA** .75 g/100ml

**Harvest Date** November 3, 2006

**Release Date** August, 2009    **Alcohol** 14.2 % by vol.

**Aging** 20 months in French oak barrels (40 % new)



Our high density, low yielding hillside vineyards are located less than 4 miles from the cooling influence of the Monterey Bay in the small village of Corralitos.

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