



JASON-STEPHENS WINERY

CENTRAL COAST • SANTA CLARA VALLEY

JASON GOELZ & STEPHEN DORCICH *Proprietors*

With dreams of creating great wines as a small-lot producer, Jason Goelz recognized the importance of a unique grape-growing location with great potential. His exhaustive search for a vineyard of outstanding character led him to Stephen Dorchich and Dorchich Vineyards. Goelz eventually established a winemaker/vineyard-manager relationship with Dorchich to craft exceptional wines from a single, meticulously-maintained vineyard. Jason-Stephens wines reflect the founders' passion for elegant and complex yet soft wines, as well as their relentless pursuit to improve vintage after vintage.

The vineyard is an exercise in harmony and balance. We have to put back into the land what the grapes take each year. The vines have to maintain just the correct level of water and nutrients. The fruit load has to be matched to the soil fertilization, the vines' capacity for quality, and the microclimate – the vines must be in perfect unity with every aspect of our beautiful valley.

We are stewards of the land, we practice sustainable agriculture to preserve it for future generations. Each year we renew our cover crop of grasses and wildflower, adding biomass and nitrogen back into the soil. This creates a home for all of the beneficial bugs while it prevents erosion and helps release heat in the event of frost. Wildflowers between every other row also provide a beautiful array of colors that accent the beauty of the vineyard, affecting our attitudes toward the land.

As farmers and landowners we love the land and are ever mindful of environmental impact. Exhausted soils and land/water misuse decrease vineyard quality as well as quantity. Environmental stewardship not only makes sense for our business, it makes sense for our family and our community, making great futures possible.

ESTATE MERLOT

95% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec, and 1% Petite Verdot aged 36 months in French and American oak – *rich, flavorful Merlot with concentrated fruit flavors and a subtle sweetness; easily dense enough to enjoy alongside a juicy steak, but silky enough to require little more than conversation.*

ESTATE SYRAH

96% estate Syrah with a touch of estate Malbec, aged 28 months in oak – *lots of dark blackberry fruit, cola, and blueberry with hints of espresso and cocoa dust; an undercurrent of purple flowers and savory herbs adds complexity; balanced and complete; forward fruit, generous weight, and soft tannins make this equally appropriate for the table and the cellar.*

ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Aged approximately 3 years in French and American oak, this relatively soft Cabernet offers considerable fruit, moderate structure, and balanced acidity... *outstanding Cab Sauv value!*

Winemaker's notes on the 2009: "Deep garnet color. Dense compacted aromas of dried berries and cherries, peat, eucalyptus, chocolate nut fudge and black olive follow through on a rich entry to a fruity-yet-dry medium-full body with great depth and layers of mint and spice. Finishes with a long, vibrant and slightly meaty and olive-like fade with polished, powdery tannins. Tremendous character and style."

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