



2008 Fortunati Vineyard Syrah

THE FORTUNATI VINEYARD was planted by Gary Luchtel of Surh Luchtel Cellars. John Schulz and Gary grew up together in a small town in Iowa and through that relationship Schulz Cellars was fortunate enough to secure a contract on a 2 acre block of Syrah. The Fortunati Vineyard is situated in the heart of the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. Syrah has become an important part of the Oak Knoll AVA due to the ideally suited deep clay loam soils, which produce wines that are rich and complex.

92 Points

This is one of those wines that tastes dramatic and important. It's marked by rich, thick tannins, but they're ripe and smooth, and frame complex flavors of blackberries, black cherries, grilled teriyaki beef and black pepper, enriched with smoky cedar. Texturally, it's medium-bodied and velvety, like a Merlot.

S.H., Wine Enthusiast, Oct 2011

Varietal Make up: 100% Syrah
Appellation: Oak Knoll District
Cooperage: 50% French Oak, 50% American Oak,
40% new barrels
18 months in barrel
Release Date: February 2011
Production: 150 cases