



2007 Proprietary Red Wine

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

From this exceptional vintage, the merlots of late September and cabernets the third week of October were picked under perfect conditions. Rich and layered, the wine is made distinctive by its aromatic complexity of rich and ripe red berries, spicy vanilla, black cherry and tobacco, followed by hints of black tea and mineral notes; the mouth-feel is refined and sophisticated with tremendous length. Complex and harmonious, this amazing wine enthralles the palate with a seamless core of fruit and integrated tannins. Full-bodied elegance at its best, the Roy Estate Prop Red 2007 exudes a perfect balance of sweet tannins, vibrant acidity and a low level of alcohol. FEBRUARY '10

For optimum enjoyment of this wine, please decant and serve at about 64 °F.

VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot
Appellation: Napa Valley (nestled in Soda Canyon just south of Stags Leap District)
Blend: 100% Roy Estate 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot
Harvested: September 5, 2007 – October 15, 2007

VINIFICATION

Concrete Tanks / open top fermenters
Maceration Time: 14-28 days
Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermented

BARREL AGE

18 months in new French oak
No fining / No filtration

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 14.1% TA: 6.1 g/l pH: 3.9

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

BOTTLED

May 19, 2009

PRODUCTION

1060 cases



A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: **94** points

Drink: 2013-2033

Source: Wine Advocate #186 (Dec. 2009)

The dense ruby/purple 2007 Proprietary Red, a blend of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, and 8% Petit Verdot, exhibits an impressive chocolatey nose with lots of berry fruit, coffee bean, mocha, and earthy/forest floor notes. Complex and dense with silky tannins, and superb elegance combined with richness, it can be approached now, but it will be even better in 4-5 years. It should last for 20+ years.

Soda Canyon, in the southern most part of Napa Valley, has its own specific micro-climate. This 17-acre vineyard owned by Shirley and Charles Roy was originally planted by Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer, but the wine is now being made by Philippe Melka, who is fashioning very impressive reds meant for long-term aging. —Robert Parker



ROY Estate receives highest rating from **wine guide 2011** by **FOOD & WINE**

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★★★★ The late Charles Roy founded this estate with his wife Shirley, and his legacy lives on in this refined yet decadent red. The 2007 layers blackberries, chocolate and coffee flavors with silky tannins; this would benefit from some time in the cellar.

- Anthony Giglio