



2007 'BUFFALO HILL' SYRAH

100% Syrah

Appellation: Rockpile

Production: 63 cases

Alcohol: 15.6%

Retail: \$85

Tasting Notes – Cassis driven, with sparks of mineral and wild cherry wrapped in candy -- a Boston Baked Bean or Hot Tamale. Rounded out with French vanilla bean and hints of brown sugar and cinnamon. This wine is very different from the 'Haley's' bottling. It's more espresso in aromas and flavors and much more forward in its display of the vineyards darker aspects. Pure intensity!

Pair With – Leg of lamb is nice. I have also had this with ostrich (!) and it was perfect. Because of the richness and density of this wine wait a few years before having with wild game meat, such as venison and braised rabbit. This will allow the vineyard to best express itself. Also extremely enjoyable with pepperoni pizza. Just make it a good pepperoni pizza. Drink now to 15-20 years.

"A few years ago we planted a very special clone of Syrah in the rockiest section of the Rockpile Vineyard; a wooden buffalo stands guard along the fence. The yields from this vineyard are nerve-rackingly low. I consider this wine to be the culmination of all wines that inspire the JC Cellars team, a true balance between power, finesse, and minerality that achieves pure seduction in a glass." – Jeff Cohn

90+ points, Wine Advocate