

2007 Syrah Lake County

History

In 1861 Lake County was created from parts of Napa and Mendocino counties and has since been well known as a farming community.

In the 1870s vineyards were planted and by the early 1900s the area was already earning its reputation for producing **"The world's greatest wines."** Prohibition forced an end to the Lake County wine production in 1920 when most of the vineyards were removed and replaced with walnut and pear orchards.

The comeback of the wine industry in Lake County began in the 1960s when a few growers rediscovered the area's grape growing potential and once again began planting vineyards. Today, Lake County has more than 8,800 acres of planted vineyards, a significant increase from the less than 100 acres that were planted in 1965. This area has also seen the recent establishment of several American Viticultural areas such as High Valley and Red Hills-Lake County. We are proud to say that Lake County contains many vineyards that support the California Wine Institute's Code of Sustainable farming practices.

Shannon Ridge Vineyards & Winery, on the steep mountain slopes in Lake County, uses sustainable farming practices to produce the finest mountain fruit possible. Our winemakers are impassioned to create wines that represent the best of our vineyards.

Winemaking Notes

The grapes used to produce our 2007 Shannon Ridge Lake County Syrah were picked when flavors reached their full potential. Stainless steel fermented and aged in French and American oak. We blended this wine with Petite Sirah to help enhance the berry and spice flavors of this elegant wine.

Tasting Notes

Color: Deep Garnet

Aroma: Boysenberry, vanilla, black currant

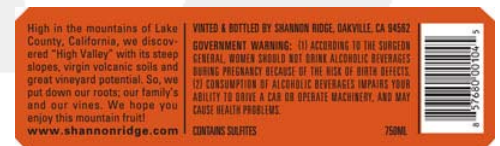
Flavor: Blackberry, truffle, cedar, vanilla

Texture: Rich, soft mouth feel, well balanced, long silky finish

Technical Data

Alcohol:	14.2%
Total Acidity:	0.57 g/mL
pH:	3.67
Residual Sugar:	0.45%
Composition/Blend:	77% Syrah, 17% Petite Sirah, 6% Cabernet
Appellation:	Lake County
Barrels:	French and American Oak
Time in Barrels:	10 months
Cases Produced:	2,500

Suggested Retail: \$19
Stock#: SN07SY



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