

LaTour Vineyards 2005 Syrah

2005 is the second release of Tom LaTour's Napa Valley Syrah from his LaTour Vineyards. From this inveterate restaurant and hotel entrepreneur (Tom is the former CEO of Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants) turned winemaker, LaTour Vineyards is an extension of Tom's thirty plus years of entertaining people and enriching lives, and his wines express the essence of the bounty and generosity of Bay Area wine country living.

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2005 Tasting Notes

Syrah's allure is apparent the minute you pour this wine. Its deep purple hue hints at the wine's intensity and richness. Smoky, spicy aromas underscore dark fruit flavors while vibrant acidity makes its appearance on the long, refreshing finish. Whether you're serving barbeque ribs, grilled lamb or savory ratatouille, reach for this sumptuous sipper.



Appellation:	Mt. Veeder—The appellation encompasses 25 miles of some of the steepest vineyards and the most remote wineries in California, at the heart of which stands the 2,677 foot high volcanic peak of Mt. Veeder. The regions averages between 35-50 inches precipitation per year, and several special climatic conditions provide vines with long, cool, even ripening period. The build-in restraint of the mountainous appellation, combined with thin soils and general lack of ground water enables vineyard managers to induce a degree of stress critical to the production of high quality fruit.
Fermentation:	Aged 16 months in 50% new French oak
Acid:	0.68g/100 ml
Alcohol:	14.8% by vol.
Release Date:	June 2007
Soil Type:	Variable rock loam
Production:	599 cases produced
Website:	www.latourvineyards.com
Winemaker:	Peter Luthi
Vineyard:	All grapes in the 2005 Napa Syrah come from Tom LaTour's private 25-acre vineyard located on Mt. Veeder on Oakville Cross Road. The 14-plus years old vines enjoy long maturing and full flavors from the 1900 feet elevation. In addition to Syrah, Tom grows Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes. A hands-on grower and winemaker, Tom can be found most weekends working in the vineyards in baseball hat and chinos.
Retail Price:	\$26.50