

LaTour Vineyards 2006 Syrah

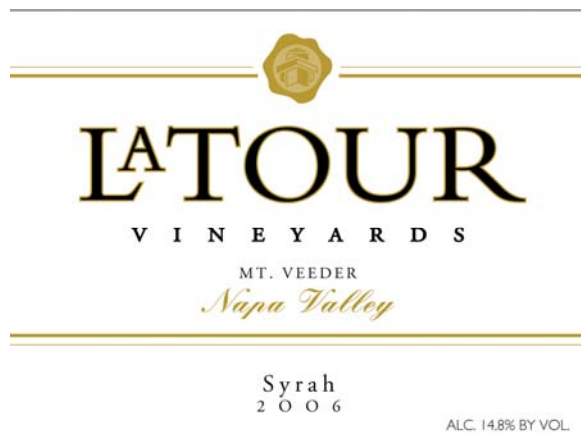
From this inveterate restaurant and hotel entrepreneur—Tom LaTour is the former CEO of Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants, turned winemaker. LaTour Vineyards is an extension of Tom’s thirty plus years of entertaining people and enriching lives, and his wines express the essence of the bounty and generosity of Bay Area wine country living.

The Napa Valley Syrah is produced from grapes grown on Tom’s vineyard at the top of Mt Veeder, Napa Valley. 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.

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2006 Tasting Notes

Successful Syrah matches ripe, dark-berry fruit character with a vibrant backbone and peppery finish. Our Mt Veeder Syrah is the marriage of New World intensity with Old World white spice and smoky notes. Serve this sexy sipper alongside grilled meats, hearty minestrone soup, crispy bacon-wrapped dates stuffed with goat cheese, or even decadent chocolate.



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.
Alcohol:	14.8% by vol.
Release Date:	August 2008
Soil Type:	Variable rock loam
Production:	410 cases produced
Website:	www.latourvineyards.com
Winemaker:	Peter Luthi
Vineyard:	All grapes in the 2006 Napa Syrah come from Tom LaTour’s private 25-acre vineyard located on Mt. Veeder on Oakville Cross Road. The 15-plus years old vines enjoy long maturing and full flavors from the 1900 feet elevation.
Retail Price:	\$26.50