

# Alexander Valley Vineyards®

## 2007 CYRUS

Cyrus Alexander was a 19th century adventurer, rancher, gold miner, community leader and since 1995, the namesake of CYRUS, our benchmark red wine that showcases the Alexander Valley. Our estate winery is located on the original Alexander homestead; to date only two families have owned the property, the Alexanders and Wetzels. CYRUS is our tribute to this special land and the region we call home.

The 2007 growing season began early, stalled midway due to cool weather and finished late. Some of our Cabernet had poor fruit set, resulting in more concentration from smaller berries and smaller clusters. Winemaker Kevin Hall barrel aged each lot separately, then selected seven distinctive lots for CYRUS: 3 lots of Cabernet Sauvignon with exceptional concentration, purity & lush texture, two lots of Cabernet Franc with finesse & depth and one lot each of Merlot & Petit Verdot for vivid color and richness. After blending, the wine was aged for 12 months in French oak to meld the flavors. Once bottled the wine was aged for an additional 14 months to develop into a seamless blend. Overall, concentration and wonderful flavors of cassis and berries best describes the 2007 CYRUS. Aromas of black cherry, plum, spice, oak, mint and vanilla fill the glass. There is good entry and balance with flavors of berry, cocoa, mint, coffee and cedar. This rich wine has big structure and a long finish. The intense concentration and great balance will allow this wine to age gracefully for 10-15 years.



**Food Pairing:** This big wine calls out for big food - lamb chops with red wine reduction, a dry aged strip steak, pan seared duck breast or a cheese course featuring blue cheese & aged cheddar.

**Accolades:** 95 points Best of Appellation Gold Medal CA State Fair 2011  
93 points Gold Medal Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition 2011  
93 points Beverage Testing Institute Gold Medal & Cellar Selection  
93 points Anthony Dias Blue - The Tasting Panel November 2011  
91 points Wine Enthusiast Cellar Selection 91 points Connoisseurs Guide to CA Wines

**Profile:**

- Intense concentration, great balance
- CYRUS The First Growth of Sonoma
- Record Breaking Wine \$210,000 Rodeo Uncorked! Champion Wine Auction

### About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Our estate is bordered by the Russian River, which divides our small valley in half. During the growing season warm days encourage vine growth and grape development. At night the fog rolls dropping temperature significantly and the grapes cool down. The temperature drop explains the great balance of acidity from grapes in the region and is just one of the reasons our wines are often described as elegant.

### Technical Data:

**Grapes:** 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

**Harvest:** September 8 thru October 3, 2007

**Closure:** Cork **Production:** 294 cases

**Release Date:** 375ml March 15, 2011

**Alcohol:** 14% **pH:** 3.39 **TA:** 6.8 g/L

**UPC:** 0-85798-11062-9 750ml 0-85798-11061-2 375ml



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