



Grand Firepeak CUVÉE

2003 EDNA VALLEY, FIREPEAK VINEYARD
"The GFC"
SYRAH

Take the best of the vintage. The best blocks of the vineyard and endless hours in the cellar tasting through each individual barrel. The result, limited quantities of the finest Cuvee our Firepeak Vineyard and winemaker Christian Roguenant have to offer. Simply, our best of the best.

Appellation & the 2003 Growing Season

The Firepeak Vineyard is located in the Edna Valley at the foot of Islay Mountain, the last in a chain of extinct volcanoes known as the Seven Sisters. Located just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean, the Firepeak Vineyard is the first to benefit from the cool maritime breezes funneling in from the Morro Bay. Everything the Niven family (Baileyana's owners) has learned in thirty years of research and grape growing has gone into this vineyard. 2003 brought ideal conditions and produced a wine packed with concentrated varietal flavors backed by balanced tannins and cool climate acidity. Flavors of blueberry, lavender, and white pepper marry with a velvety texture. This, combined with low yields from our Firepeak Vineyard produced a Syrah that exemplifies what a cool climate Syrah is all about.

Winemaker, Christian Roguenant's Comments:

"Wow, what a wine! Cool climate Syrah is a whole different monster. There is not a lot of it in the ground and when grown right, it makes a wine that I believe will define Syrah in California. Lavender and blueberry jump out of the glass and are complimented by hints of white pepper on the palate."

Christian Roguenant

Baileyana and Firepeak Vineyard Facts & Figures

- **Founded** in 1991 by Catharine Niven whose husband Jack pioneered the planting of grapes in the Edna Valley in the early 1970's.
- **Winemaker, Christian Roguenant:** Born and educated in Burgundy. Has made wine on 5 continents.
- **Firepeak Vineyard:** Planted to Pinot Noir (5 clones), Chardonnay (3 clones), and Syrah (3 clones). Total acreage of 192 acres.
- **Soils:** Nicknamed "Dirt of the Devil" - clay loam, rocky marine sediment, and volcanic remnants.
- **The Edna Valley:** Located in San Luis Obispo. Established as an AVA in 1982.
- **Winery:** Built in 1999 to Christian Roguenant's specifications. High tech in design, yet old world tradition is the foundation of our winemaking practices.



"THE GFC"

Vineyard Source:	100% Firepeak Vineyard Edna Valley
Varietal Make-up:	100% Syrah
Harvest Date:	10/18/03
Avg. Brix at Harvest:	26.50
Yeast Strains:	SY, D254, L2226
Fermentation:	100% Stainless Steel Small Open-top Fermentors for 3 Weeks
Cooperage Used:	Radoux, Seguin Moreau, Damy, Mendocino
Barrel Regime:	50% New French Oak 5% New American 45% 1 year and older French Oak
Barrel Aging:	16 Months
Alcohol:	14.1%
Acid:	6.40gms/l
pH @ Bottling:	3.68
Bottling Date:	February 22, 2005 Unfined & Unfiltered
Cases Produced:	1,325 cases
Suggested Retail:	\$30.00

