

# QUALIA

ACCOLADES FOR THE 2009 QUALIA SYRAH-GRENACHE



## 90 PTS – ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE

The 2009 Qualia Syrah/Grenache Blend is an exuberant yet well-balanced wine bursting with expressive red fruits, tobacco, smoke and licorice. It possesses fabulous inner sweetness and a long, persistent finish. The tannins could use a touch more polish, but that is a relatively small critique for a wine that delivers so much sheer pleasure for the money.

## THE RHONE REPORT

*Dedicated to the wines and grapes of the Rhone valley*

## 92 PTS – THE RHONE REPORT

2009 Qualia Wines Syrah Grenache (USA, California, Sonoma County) \$26 A blend of 60% Syrah (20% new French oak) and 40% Grenache (all neutral oak), the 2009 Qualia Wines Syrah Grenache has outstanding aromas of smoked blackberry, subtle gamey notes, pepper, and crunchy mineral characteristics on the nose. Leaning towards the cool-climate spectrum, yet with a medium-bodied, concentrated and rich palate, this excellent blend has juicy acidity, a fresh, clean texture, and enough underlying structure to keep it drinking well for 6-8 years, possibly longer. Well done and worth seeking out. (91 pts.)”

