

# PESSAGNO WINERY



## 2007 SYRAH

IDYLL TIMES VINEYARD  
San Benito County

### THE VINEYARD

Located at the base of the Eastern foothills of San Benito County, Idyll Times Vineyard is sheltered from the winds of “the Mistral” climate, characterized by warm, breezy days and moderately cool nights. The soil is sparse and shallow, restricting root development and canopy growth. These conditions are ideal for the sometimes overly vigorous and cool climate loving Syrah grape.

### THE VINTAGE

The 2007 vintage would be most aptly described as one of the coolest and most even keeled in the past three decades. Temperatures from early May through the middle of August seldom broke the 95 °F mark, delaying veraison and harvest substantially from previous years. Grape quality and flavor concentration is very high in this vintage.

### THE WINEMAKING

This vineyard typically produces an extremely limited amount of concentrated fruit. To accentuate the fruit character and soften the tannin structure, two selected yeast strains from France were used for fermentation. In the summer of 2008, the wine was racked barrel-to-barrel, to incorporate a small amount of tannin softening oxygen.

### TASTING NOTES

Idyll Times fruit is always opulent and showy, with forward fruit and jammy flavors. Blackberry, plum, and licorice are dominant in the aroma, while French oak nuances complement the bouquet. This wine begs a grilled steak, hearty stews, game dishes, and strong cheeses.

Steve Pessagno, Winemaker



### *Harvest Date*

September 7, 2006

### *Harvest Brix*

26.0

### *Months in Oak*

Eleven

### *Alcohol*

14.7%

### *pH*

3.54

### *TA*

8.42 grams/liter

### *Rs*

Dry

### *Bottled July 14, 2009*

150 cases

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## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

**94 Points, Gold - Beverage Testing Institute**

“Bright aromas of raisins, tomato, and waxy honeycomb follow through on a silky entry to rich, fruity-yet-dry medium-full body with great intensity and notes of boysenberry, nuts, and cinnamon. Finishes with a long, spicy oak and raisin fade. A vibrant flavorful syrah that is sure to please.”

