

**PLUS!**

Gold Series Selection

# Manzoni Family Estate Vineyard

## 2007 Estate Syrah

### Santa Lucia Highlands

647 Cases Produced

The Manzoni family has been farming in Monterey County for several decades, beginning in 1921 when Joseph Manzoni emigrated from Switzerland in search of a better life. Like many Swiss immigrants, Joseph grew up with the Old World traditions of making homemade wine and Grappa, and he enjoyed passing on the traditions to his family and friends. His grandsons, Mark and Mike Manzoni, took a particular interest in wine and in 1990, found an opportunity to make their way into the business. They had been operating a family farming business, and found themselves with a few extra acres that didn't suit for their typical crops. Mark and Mike planted rootstocks that they sold to neighboring wineries for the following nine years, before finally planting wine grapes for their own use in 1999. With the first 5 acres of Pinot Noir planted, the Manzoni brothers experimented with home winemaking and sold the remaining fruit to other wineries. The Manzoni wines were so well received that in 2003, they decided to officially establish Manzoni Family Estate Vineyard and present an official commercial release of just 197 cases. Today, production is still very limited at under 2,000 cases and includes an award-winning portfolio of two Pinot Noirs, a Syrah, Chardonnay, and Pinot Gris. The winery has earned itself a stellar reputation in the region, with a premium collection of distinguished, palate pleasing wines that consistently define the growing wine region of Monterey County.

### ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

The 2007 Estate Syrah comes from the Manzoni Family Estate Vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands appellation of Monterey County, just west of the town of Gonzales. Brilliant red in color with pronounced northern Rhône-like ground white pepper, spicy blackberry, and Campari liquor notes, the 2007 Estate Syrah is distinctive to its Monterey growing region and represents the Manzoni family's finest efforts in winemaking. Pomegranate, licorice and mocha-vanilla aromas accentuate the nose, while a moderate amount of caramel is evident in the flavor, as a result of the aging in new French oak barrels. Its creamy texture and soft tannins make it undeniably irresistible – and the top wine industry judges seem to agree with a stellar **94 Points** and **Gold Medal** from the *Beverage Tasting Institute's World Wine Championships* and a **91 Points – "Editor's Choice"** from *Wine Enthusiast* magazine. The Manzoni 2007 Estate Syrah also picked up a **Double Gold Medal** at the *San Francisco International Wine Competition* in addition to a **Gold Medal** at the *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition* and a **Gold Medal** at the *Dallas Morning News Wine Competition*. Try pairing this exceptional wine with intensely flavored dishes such as stews, grilled meats and strong cheeses. Aged 10 months in oak. 100% Syrah. Enjoy now until 2015.

### REORDERS

#### 2007 Estate Syrah

Winery Direct: \$26.00 /bottle

**Gold Medal Wine Store price:**

**2-Bottle Members: \$21.00 /bottle**

**4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$19.00 /bottle**

\*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.  
(plus shipping)

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-Beverage Tasting Institute

**91 Points & "Editor's Choice"**

-Wine Enthusiast

**Double Gold Medal**

-S.F. International Wine Competition

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