

PLUS!*Platinum Series Selection*

Wind Gap Wines
 2007 'Griffin's Lair' Syrah
 Sonoma Coast
365 Cases Produced

Wind Gap Wines is an interesting new project, founded by Pax and Pamela Mahle in 2006. Focusing on making honest, authentic, and compelling wines from specially selected vineyard sites, the Mahles have combed the state of California to gather a collection of some of the most exciting vineyards for producing the kinds of grapes they love best – Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley, Chardonnay from Chalona (Monterey County), Grenache from Paso Robles, and Syrah from the cool and windy Sonoma Coast. They found that each of their select vineyard sites were planted along or directly influenced by one “wind gap” or another, hence the fitting name of their newest entity, *Wind Gap Wines*. Pax Mahle learned to love wine while working in restaurants in Nantucket and gained further appreciation after a trip to France's Burgundy and Rhône Valley regions in the late nineties. He and his wife Pamela then moved to Sonoma County where they pursued a future in the wine industry, and later founded Pax Wines in 2000. It was through Pax Wines that Pax Mahle began to experiment with vineyard designated Syrahs and really developed his own world-class style. Today, he continues his dream, crafting limited production, vineyard-designated wines for his latest up-and-coming venture Wind Gap Wines. Enjoy!

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Wind Gap's 2007 'Griffin's Lair' Syrah comes from a special vineyard site in Sonoma's Petaluma Gap, so high in elevation that it stands above the majority of plantings in the area. Managed by Joan and James Griffin, the Griffin's Lair Vineyard is planted to Syrah and Pinot Noir, and has produced premium fruit for a number of award-winning wines. The 2007 Wind Gap 'Griffin's Lair' Syrah exhibits an outstanding density of flavors that are directly attributed to the cool windy site and its close proximity to the Bay. Vibrant red in color with a black-cherry-pit of a core, this Syrah is hugely rich with aromas of ripe fruit, cassis, blackberries, plums, and mincemeat pie. A thick yet finely knit, velvety-textured mid-palate guides you to the structured finish that brings with it notes of pomegranate and crisp, dried berries. *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar* awards this 2007 Syrah an outstanding **93 Points** and *Robert Parker* follows up with an impressive **92 Point** score: “Dark purple to the rim and more rustic and savage is the dense, rich, tannic, broodingly backward 2007 Syrah, Griffin's Lair.” A beautiful wine! Aged 22 months in oak. 100% Syrah. Enjoy now until 2016.

REORDERS

2007 'Griffin's Lair' Syrah

Winery Direct: \$48.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:

2-Bottle Members: \$39.00 /bottle

4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$36.00 /bottle

*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.

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