



# FLANAGAN

2008 SYRAH, *Bennet Valley,*  
*Sonoma Coast*



HARVEST DATE October 10, 2008

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CASES PRODUCED 96

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## VINEYARD

Bennett Valley, which is Sonoma County's newest appellation, is rapidly gaining renown for the quality of its Syrah. Because the estate is high in elevation with steep, south and southwest aspects, we have one of the warmest and rockiest sites in Bennett Valley.

## PRODUCTION NOTES

The 2008 vintage started out with a hard frost in May. We are blessed with a site that just doesn't ever frost. Our site perches high above Bennett Valley and the top of Bennett Ridge & enjoys south and southwest exposure. The elevation and slopes provide a uniquely warm site within a cool climate appellation. Our distinctive site gives us one of the longest growing seasons anywhere and allows us to achieve great ripeness while retaining more complex cool climate flavor profiles.

## TASTING NOTES

The wine presents with a seductive, feminine nose redolent with ripe black fruit and a hint of lavender. On the palate the wine is both soft and very full. This is a trademark characteristic of all our red wines, which are pressed in our Vaselín-Bucher basket press. There are spice & cola notes, along with ripe, concentrated blackberry fruit. Our wines typically enjoy a great fruit concentration as a result of our low yielding rootstocks and clones. Philippe Melka has done a brilliant job marrying that intense fruit with 100% new French oak, and producing a wine where alcohol, oak and fruit are all in harmony.