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## SANTA BARBARA NEWS-PRESS

### 2008 Jorian Hill BEEspoke



#### In the Rhône zone: Jorian Hill

“BEEspoke is Jorian Hill's little play on words in describing their Rhône-style red wine blend. ‘Bespoke’ is generally defined as something (traditionally, a garment) as being custom made or handmade. ‘BEEspoke’ refers to the bees found in the vineyard and the iconic image that informs the label. Of course, they also mean to invoke the notion that this red wine blend is handmade. Approximately two-thirds syrah and one-third grenache, it shows very dark berry fruit on the nose along with lavender, saddle leather and cocoa powder. The flavors begin with dark damson plum, boysenberry and myrtle berry, integrated with seasonings of fresh road tar, espresso, vanilla, tobacco leaf and cocoa. Rich and warming on midpalate, it continues to expand its dimensions, repeating its dark fruit theme, buffered by a lighter, brighter minerality. It's certainly accessible and enjoyable now with decanting, but will benefit from a few years of aging in your cellar.”

-Dennis Schaefer  
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