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2007 Jorian Hill BEEspoke



“The Jorian Hill production is small, under 1,000 cases per year. All the grape utilized in their winemaking come only from their estate vineyard; no other outside grapes are used, so when you taste their wines, you can really get a sense of place here: exactly what very specific kind of wine this small, secluded vineyard can produce.”

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“Now for something lighter and brighter, at least in a certain sense. The BEEspoke, named for the ever-present bees in the vineyard during harvest, is composed of equal amounts of syrah and grenache. The latter grape brings strawberry, red cherry and, most exotically, pomegranate, to the aroma and flavor table and it plays well with syrah's normally darker side. Make no mistake, though -- just because you get lightness and darkness in the same package doesn't mean this wine is a compromise. Rather, you get a more layered complexity than what might be found in either varietal when bottled on its own. The wine also has a pleasant savory, herbal and flinty component that immediately triggers the salivary reflex and conjures up appropriate food pairings. Decant this one about an hour before dinner to bring out all its elements to best effect. Or you could cellar it for up to five years.”

-Dennis Schaefer
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