



# J O R I A N H I L L

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### 2007 Jorian Hill Syrah



“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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“Deep black cherry and plum on the nose with hints of smoke and cinnamon plus a pleasant but unusual (for syrah) floral quality that counterpoints the deep-dish aromatics. Extracted black cherry and plum also on the palate with wood smoke and a dash of pepper, the latter a trademark of French red Rhône, not often found in the California versions. Moderate in body and in alcohol, this syrah is not jammy with gobs of fruit; rather, it's focused like a laser beam on great fruit concentration that runs deep and is still tightly wound around its core. The balancing act holding this wine together, as with any good wine worthy of aging, is its firm acidity.”

- Dennis Schaefer  
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