



# JORIAN HILL

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## WINE SPECTATOR

### 20 Great California Syrahs:

Good values from Santa Barbara County, where Syrah and Rhône-style red blends are gaining in quality and popularity.



Santa Barbara has a red-wine horserace going on, and it looks like it's only going to get better for fans of the area's wines. Syrah and other Rhône Valley reds are challenging Pinot Noir for red-wine supremacy... Syrah is still a relatively new grape in most parts of Santa Barbara, and it performs best in the warmer reaches of Santa Ynez Valley and those parts that are on the cusp between cool and warm.

### 2007 Jorian Hill Syrah

“Tight, firm and spicy, with tar, dried currant, sage, tobacco and earthy mineral notes that are intense and full-bodied, ending with a rustic, tannic edge. Drink now through 2016.”

## 88 Points

- James Laube  
December 7, 2009