



# POWERS

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## *2006 Reserve Syrah* *Cougar Vineyard*

### TASTING NOTES

An expressive bouquet of dark black cassis and sun kissed earth reveal a hint of what is to come. A bold pinnacle of cherry-vanilla sassiness and framboise are heightened by Chinese five spice in a deep, sweet and voluptuous mouthful. Licorice envelopes these flavors and dominates in a luscious and silky finale.

### BLEND/VINEYARD INFO

100% Syrah, Cougar Vineyard, Wahluke Slope

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The overriding goal with the 2006 Cougar Syrah was not to do anything in the winery to mask the gorgeous fruit that arrived that October. We used 796 yeast to emphasize the fruit components without sacrificing complexity. After fermentation, and going into malo-lactic fermentation, the wine was separated with some going into new French Oak, and some into 3 year old French Oak. The wine was in Oak for 22 months. In the final blend, only 50% of the new oak component was used. This provided a toasty balance to the intense dark fruit and earth characteristics of this vineyard.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Release Date:	10.1.2008	Acidity:	0.63
Alcohol:	14.0%	pH	3.92
Residual Sugar:	0.00%	Cases:	397