



2006 M.C.K. Syrah — Stoneridge Vineyard, Columbia Valley  
(100% Syrah)

Tasting Notes: From the vineyard that makes Heart, Skull, and Old Bones. Two years in French Burgundy barrels, hand bottled. This age worthy Syrah is powerful, smooth and dark — garrigue, spice, stone, anise and lilac. (300 cases produced)— *Charles Smith*

#### Technical Information

Vineyards: 100% Stoneridge Vineyard—Stoneridge is located northeast of the Wahluke Slope AVA, across the Saddle Mountains, near Royal City and is the also the fruit source for the Heart, Skull, and Old Bones bottlings.) The 2006 Motor City Kitty, (aka M.C.K.) hails from the northern section of the vineyard. Very rocky soils—in fact 6 different kinds —make up the complex profile of aptly named Stoneridge. A windy site, the fruit is thick skinned and produces nearly black juice as well as controlled vigor, naturally reducing yields—1.8 tons per acre in 2006—and robust, yet supple tannins, adding to the aging potential of the wine.

Elevage: Fruit was handpicked in late October after a very encouraging, long growing season. Native yeasts and extended maceration, even after fermentation served to round out tannins. Basket pressed, this wine was aged over 2 years (27 months!) in mostly neutral Burgundy barrels. The M.C.K. is a bottling that is done every year as a 'thank you' to K fans that make the trip out to the winery for Holiday Barrel Tasting Weekend and usually only 2 barrels are produced. In 2006, 2 barrels worth of wine from Stoneridge vineyard were hand bottled and sold in the usual fashion. However, the wine was just too delicious to not share with our customers in other places. So, Charles decided to bottle just a bit more. In 2006, a total of 300 cases of M.C.K. were made.

Release date: December 2008

Alcohol: 15.5%

Total Acid: .57

PH: 3.82

Residual Sugar: none

