



2007 M.C.K. Syrah — Columbia Valley
100% Syrah, Stoneridge Vineyard

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. (Only 47 cases produced!) — *Charles Smith*

Score 95 (2006 vintage) Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate, October 2009

"M.C.K. is Charles' "gift to my loyal customers." The price to quality ratio of this wine is off the charts. Purple/black in color, it was aged for 26 months before bottling by hand. It delivers a soaring bouquet of Asian spices, smoked meat, roasted herbs, saucisson, blueberry, and blackberry liqueur. Full-bodied, voluptuous, and succulent, this sexy effort can be enjoyed over the next 8-10 years. His 2006 collection is as good or better than anything he has done to date, although a tasting of 2007 barrel samples indicate that the best is yet to come."

Vineyards: Stoneridge Vineyard 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 2007 Motor City Kitty, (aka M.C.K.) hails from the northern section of the vineyard. Very rocky soils—in fact six 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—2 tons per acre in 2007—and robust, yet supple tannins, adding to the aging potential of the wine.

Technical Information:

Yield: 1.3 tons per acre

Sorting: 1 time

Yeasts: Native

Treatment: Punch down

Malolactic Fermentation: yes

Ageing: French Burgundy Barrels

Fining: none

Total Production: 47 cases

Release date: December 3, 2009

Alcohol: 15.5%