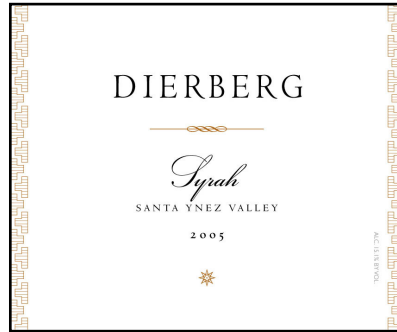




By Josh Reynolds

2005 Dierberg Vineyard Syrah Santa Ynez Valley - 90

(\$35) Inky ruby. Powerfully scented nose displays fresh red and dark berries, sandalwood, cracked pepper and dried flowers. Pliant in texture, with sappy blackcurrant and bitter cherry flavors complicated by candied licorice and dark chocolate. Tannins gain strength on the sweet finish, which is lifted by tangy minerals. This is built to age.



Dierberg 2005 Syrah Santa Ynez Valley Dark, rich and savory, this is complex and concentrated, with a layered mix of wild blueberry and raspberry, mocha and chocolate brownie flavors that are sharply focused and tapered, ending with a long, persistent finish. Drink now through 2012. 715 cases made. -*JL*

Score: 93

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90 - A beautiful inky/ruby/purple color is followed by aromas of blackberries, blueberries, forest floor, and spring flowers. On the palate, the wine exhibits good sweetness, lush tannins, medium to full body, and excellent depth as well as balance. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.



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93 – **Dierberg 2005 Syrah, (Santa Ynez Valley)** This is a sumptuous, delicious Syrah, marked by very ripe fruit but also by a wonderfully complex balance. Fully dry, it's packed with blackberry pie filling, cola, licorice, mushu plum sauce, mocha and pepper flavors, with a distinct note of grilled meat. Drink through 2010 for its youthful beauty. (S.H.)