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YEAR'S BEST US SYRAH



90 MacLaren

2010 Bennett Valley Judge Family Vineyards Syrah; \$38

Steve Law harvested this wine on November 6, fermenting it without inoculation. It barely reached 13 percent alcohol. The result is a little reductive, but the wine gains fragrance in the glass, building on conifer forest scents and red berry flavors. The texture is soft but not at all thick, the finish spicy. For rack of lamb. (122 cases) MacLaren Wine Co., Healdsburg, CA.

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2009 Sonoma County Drouthy Neebors Syrah; \$35

A syrah in the rich, black fruited mode, this is lush and round, its power gentled by woodland scents of violets. Serve it cellar temperature with braised beef. (330 cases) MacLaren Wine Co., Healdsburg, CA.