



Best of The Best

California Syrahs

As these delicious reds prove, 13 can be a lucky number.

QRW TASTING PANEL

No European wine grape is more suited to California than Syrah. It loves the sun and the heat, and in a relatively short time, has taken the Golden State by storm, producing rich, fruit-laden red wines with — in the best cases — considerable depth and power. As brilliant proof, we offer this baker's dozen.

BEST OF SHOW

- 2006 CAKEBREAD CELLARS SYRAH (CARNEROS/NAPA VALLEY), \$50

- 2006 EPIPHANY SYRAH HAMPTON VINEYARD
- 2006 FESS PARKER SYRAH THE BIG EASY
- 2006 FESS PARKER SYRAH RODNEY'S VINEYARDS
- 2007 HAHN SYRAH SLH ESTATE
- 2006 KUNDE FAMILY ESTATE SYRAH
- 2006 PEJU PROVINCE SYRAH
- 2006 ST. FRANCIS SYRAH
- 2006 SHAFER SYRAH RELENTLESS
- 2006 WILD OAK BY ST. FRANCIS SYRAH
- 2005 ZACA MESA SYRAH
- 2005 ZACA MESA SYRAH BLACK BEAR
- 2007 MARIMAR ESTATE SYRAH DON MIGUEL VINEYARD

BEST VALUE

- 2005 ZACA MESA ESTATE SYRAH (SANTA YNEZ VALLEY), \$18.