

VA PIANO *Vineyards*

what they are saying. . .



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VA PIANO	2005	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	WALLA WALLA VALLEY	(\$38.00)	RED	90
VA PIANO	2006	SYRAH	WALLA WALLA & COLUMBIA VALLEYS	(\$38.00)	RED	90+

Va Piano planted vines in 1999 and now uses that fruit supplemented by purchased fruit to make its wines. The **2005 Cabernet Sauvignon** was aged in 47% new oak. Aromas of cedar, spice box, red currants and black currants lead to a smooth-textured wine with ripe, savory flavors, good depth, and nicely concealed tannin. It will evolve for 2-3 years and drink

well from 2012 to 2020. The **2006 Syrah** was aged in 40% new French oak for 16 months. Aromas of smoked meat, game, tobacco, and blueberry are enticing. The wine is easygoing on the palate with ripe flavors, very good depth, and a pure finish lasting for 45 seconds. It will be at its best from 2012 to 2020. www.vapianovineyards.com

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94 Va Piano
2006

Syrah, Columbia Valley (\$55) Rich, ripe and racy with lovely black raspberry, spice and

excellent acid structure; subtle and slightly gamey.



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91 Va Piano 2006 Syrah (Columbia & Walla Walla Valleys); \$38. This has lovely raspberry and cranberry fruit, with beautifully laid-in highlights of baking spice, white pepper and dried herb. Some early suggestions of cured meat are also starting to show, but the fruit is the real star, sappy and juicy and deep without being heavy or hot. —PG.

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