



"Seth Kunin's winemaking style offers the elegance and complexity found in top-class French wines, as well as the sweet, ripe, tasty fruit the better California offerings routinely possess" . . . Robert Parker

2004 KUNIN WINES SYRAH, ALISOS VINEYARD Santa Barbara County

Dark fruits and black licorice on the nose, along with a bit of blackpepper and smoke. The palate is elegant, with black cherry fruit and a varietal spicy, gamey character. Long finish with good acidity and moderate tannins.

Varietal Composition: Syrah 100%

Vineyard: Alisos Vineyard, – Located in the mountains that separate the Santa Maria and Santa Ynez Valleys, Alisos is another family affair. Father Wayne and son Loren have rebuilt the old Austen Vineyards into a cutting edge operation. The high elevation and exposures produce grapes of unrivaled concentration and complexity, lending themselves to a single-vineyard bottling.

Alcohol: 14.8%

Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, Issue 166, August 2006 – 90 points

The 2004 Syrah Alisos Vineyard's deep ruby/purple color is followed by a classic bouquet of creme de cassis, road tar, underbrush, and earth. Ripe, medium to full-bodied, dense, rich, and long, it should keep for 7-8 years. Score: 90. —Robert Parker, August 2006.

***Wine & Spirits*, Vol. 26, No. 1, February 2007 – 91 points**

The tart cherry scents of this wine yield an intriguing herbal character, the fruit bright and light enough to allow complexity to show through. It starts as a hint of chaparral, of dried sage and thyme, and intensifies as it takes on air. The tension between that herbal length of flavor and the darker fruit masks some of the warmth, as will a bone-in pork chop."



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