

# THE RHONE REPORT

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## Broc Cellars

These top notch wines are made by Chris Brockway and offer distinctive, cool climate profiles. Website: [www.broccellars.com](http://www.broccellars.com)

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**2007 Broc Cellars Grenache Cassia Ventana Vineyards** (*USA, California, Central Coast, Monterey County*) **\$27** 100% Grenache from the Ventana Vineyard, the 2007 Broc Cellars Grenache Cassia sees 10 months in 100% French oak Hogsheads (300L) and 1-3 year old barrels. It offers up perfumed, spice driven aromatics of underbrush, green peppercorn, garrigue and flowers that are supported by sweet kirsch and raspberry fruit. The palate is superb and is medium bodied with sweet fruit, a gorgeous texture, ripe tannin and a long finish. **(90 pts.)**

**2007 Broc Cellars Syrah Dry Stack Vineyard** (*USA, California, North Coast, Bennett Valley*) **\$NA** The 2007 Broc Cellars Syrah Dry Stack Vineyard possesses interesting, pure notes of cassis, lead pencil, campfire and herbs, medium body, silky texture and a medium length finish. Showing a kick of acidity and a chocolatey edge on the finish, this is a smooth, polish syrah to drink over the next 5 to 7 years. **(89 pts.)**

**2007 Broc Cellars Luna Matta Vineyard Mourvèdre** (*USA, California, North Coast, Bennett Valley*) **\$30** Fermented with 80% whole cluster and aged on its lees for 18 months, the 2007 Broc Cellars Luna Matta Vineyard Mourvèdre is a beautiful wine that exhibits lots of mourvèdre character with rich aromatics of cassis, earth, underbrush, meat and wood. Medium bodied in the mouth, the wine is pure and precise with rich fruit, fresh acidity and a balanced, long finish. Enjoy this beauty over the next 5 to 10 years. **(91 pts.)**

**2006 Broc Cellars Syrah Dry Stack Vineyard** (*USA, California, North Coast, Bennett Valley*) **\$36** A beautiful, text book Syrah, the 2006 Broc Cellars Syrah Dry Stack Vineyard offers up bright aromas of black fruits, pepper, fresh cut flowers, spiced meat and earth. The palate is medium bodied and has sweet fruit, high acid and a clean, medium to long finish. This is another producer where I'd love to see an aged example to see what happens. The wine has solid fruit and decent underlying structure with plenty of acidity. Drink over the next 5 to 8 years. **(88 pts.)**