

2002 Stolpman Vineyards Angeli

The 2002 Angelli's saturated ruby/purple color is followed by a big, sweet nose of black cherries, cassis, licorice, and oak. Fleshy, medium to full-bodied, with smooth tannin, adequate acidity, and a long, pure finish, this beauty can be drunk now and over the next 4-6 years.

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2003 Stolpman Vineyards Angeli

The brilliant 2003 Angeli is a blend of mostly Syrah with a touch of Malbec, all fermented in barrel, and aged on lees from the white wine fermentors. It is a compelling effort offering an extraordinary nose of tropical fruits, flowers, creme de cassis, sweet kirsch, and Asian spices. Broad and savory, with a stunning texture yet undeniable elegance and purity, this beautiful red will drink splendidly for 7-10 years. Sadly, only 200 cases were produced.

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2004 Stolpman Vineyards Angeli

The absolutely glorious 2004 Angeli, which I reviewed last year, is just humming along fabulously well. An inky ruby/purple-colored wine with extraordinary notes of creosote, creme de cassis, barbecue spice, and minerals, it shows fabulous fruit intensity, beautiful purity, as well as low acidity and very ripe tannin. This wine should evolve for another 7-8 years as well and is well-worth searching out in the marketplace.

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2005 Stolpman Vineyards Angeli

The 2005 Angeli, which spent 32 months in cask, boasts an inky/ruby/purple color along with notions of creme de cassis, barbecue smoke, burning embers, and plenty of espresso-infused blackberry and cassis fruit. Full-bodied, ripe, and concentrated, it is not as stunning as the 2006, but it is a well-made wine to enjoy over the next 6-7 years.

Stolpman Vineyards continues to produce impressive wines under the guidance of the highly regarded Santa Ynez winemaker, Sashi Moorman.

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2006 Stolpman Vineyards Angeli

There are approximately 200 cases of the long barrique-aged (32-36 months) 2006 Angeli (100% Syrah). It is another example of a creative winemaker taking a page out of the Guigal winemaking book, and aging some of the finest fruit for long periods of time in wood. Manfred Krankl at Sine Qua Non was the first to do this (in 2001), and now Sashi Moorman at Stolpman, Justin Smith at Saxum, and John Alban at Alban Vineyards all practice extended barrel aging. The early returns are unquestionably favorable as demonstrated by this beautiful 2006. It exhibits sweet blackberry, smoked meat, forest floor, and cassis notes along with good freshness, superb concentration, and a long finish. There is not a hard edge to be found, and this beauty should evolve gracefully for a decade or more.

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2007 Stolpman Vineyards Angeli

The 2007 Angeli (100% Syrah from the finest sites and oldest vines with the highest density plantings) is a big, smoky, northern Rhone-like effort possessing notes of bouquet garni, roasted meats, scorched earth/burning embers, and acacia flowers as well as superb ripeness, terrific fruit intensity, full body, sweet tannin, and a long finish. This beauty should age nicely for 10-12 years.

(Not yet released)

Stolpman is a relatively large 220-acre estate (not yet fully planted) in the Ballard Canyon, twenty-five miles from the Pacific Ocean. The winemaker is Sashi Moorman, who continues to demonstrate his enviable talent across a broad spectrum of Rhone Ranger wines.

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2008 Stolpman Vineyards Angeli

The 2008 Angeli Proprietary Red (normally all or mostly Syrah aged in 350-liter puncheons) can be drunk with great pleasure now. The biggest wine of this group (15.3% alcohol), it possesses a dark ruby/purple color in addition to a big, sweet nose of wild berry fruit, black currants, smoke, and blueberries. A supple, velvety-textured effort with full-bodied richness, and abundant spice and earth, this seductive, full-bodied wine is dominated by its fruit component, and should offer flexibility with many types of cuisines. Enjoy it over the next 5-7 years.

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2009 Stolpman Vineyards Angeli

The 2009 Syrah Angeli is a deeply colored, massive wine imbued with black fruit, olives, grilled herbs and licorice, all of which take shape beautifully in the glass. The opulence and full-throttle personality is backed up by firm tannins that need time to resolve. This is one of the most massive, concentrated Syrahs I tasted, yet the wine's balance is impeccable. The sweet, perfumed finish contributes additional layers of complexity. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024.

Stolpman is located in the Ballard Canyon, one of the prettiest spots in the Santa Ynez Valley. Stolpman focuses on Rhone varieties and works exclusively with estate-grown fruit from biodynamically-farmed vineyards. Sashi Moorman oversees winemaking.

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2010 Stolpman Vineyards Angeli

Blackberries, tar, graphite and smoke burst onto the palate in the 2010 Syrah Angeli. It is an especially jammy, full-bodied wine endowed with tremendous depth and richness. I find less varietal character here than in some of the other Stolpman wines, but the Angeli is well-balanced, within the style. The Angeli was made with fully de-stemmed fruit. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2020.

Stolpman is one of the larger estates in the Santa Ynez Valley. The property spans 220 total acres, 150 of which are under vine. This is a solid set of wines, with a number of highlights. At the same time, I feel an identifiable house style has yet to emerge. This is most evident in the Syrahs, which are all over the map in terms of their personalities. For example, use of stem inclusion is driven by the qualities of each individual site, rather than by an...

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2010 Stolpman Vineyards Syrah

A delicious entry-level wine, the 2010 Syrah is laced with subtle yet expressive dark red berries, black pepper and flowers. This is a fabulous entry-level Syrah from Stolpman with tons of immediacy and terrific overall balance. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2018.

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