

# THE RHONE REPORT

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## **2009 Four Cairn Syrah     93 Points**

2009 Four Cairn Syrah (USA, California, Napa Valley, St. Helena) \$38 A serious and very well done Syrah, the 2009 Four Cairn Syrah, 100% Syrah aged for 16 months in 45% new French oak, delivers a straight up fantastic array of cassis, smoked bacon, pepper, game, and violets on the nose. Both rich and yet fresh at the same time, this medium to full-bodied Syrah is perfectly balanced, possessing good concentration, a pure, seamless texture, and a classic, focused finish. I'm a fan and this has a northern Rhône like complexity paired with California fruit. It should continue to impress for 12-15 years. (93 pts.)