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CALIFORNIA RED WINES

SYRAH/SHIRAZ

90 Koehler 2007 Syrah (Santa Ynez Valley); \$30. A soft, silky and utterly delicious Syrah that's great for drinking now and for the next several years. Shows sweetly ripe flavors of grilled black cherries, raspberries, pepper and smoky sandalwood, with spicy cola and bacon notes. —S.H.