



2009 Halcón Alturas Holiday Offer

To mark the season (and the recent Rhone Report review) we are offering **free** shipping for any orders of 3+ bottles received before 1/1/2012. If you want to try a bottle or two, we will credit your shipping cost on 1-2 bottles towards a future order of 3+ bottles of 2009 Halcón Alturas.

2009 Alturas

2009 was very even and cool. The dry winter led to very small, thick-skinned berries, while the chilly, breezy spring resulted in some shatter, naturally thinning the clusters. A moderate summer allowed for very even ripening at low sugar levels. The Syrah for Alturas was picked October 11th, one day before a substantial early-autumn rain.

The 2009 Halcón Alturas comprises 100% Syrah from a selection of soils and exposures at Halcón Vineyards. All of the Syrah clones and selections are represented. We are proud to say that this wine was fermented with natural yeasts and there were no adjustments to acid or alcohol. Malolactic fermentation moved extremely slowly, completing in May 2010. This wine is a singular and pure expression of the vineyard.

Jeb Dunnuck Rhone Report December 2011 "Showing every bit as well from bottle as it did from barrel, the 2009 Halcon Vineyards Syrah Alturas delivers a seriously mineral-driven bouquet with pure black and blue fruits, violets, dusty earth, and chocolate nuances rounding out the aromatics. Awesomely detailed and pure on the palate, with laser like focus, a rich, silky texture, medium to full-body, and ample length on the finish, this deserves 2-3 years of bottle age, and should easily evolve gracefully for 12-15 years or more. 94"

Tanzer May 2011 "Lurid purple. Ripe red and dark berries on the nose, with notes of licorice and violet adding complexity. Broad, fleshy and deep in dark fruit character, showing a velvety texture and subtle notes of candied flowers and fruitcake. Rich but energetic, finishing with strong thrust and lingering spiciness. I like this wine's energy. This vineyard, situated at 2,500 feet above sea level, has been a fruit source for a number of producers, notably Copain. This is the owner's first estate-bottled effort. 90"

