



2011 Syrah

Santa Barbara County

Wine Notes

The 2011 Santa Barbara County Syrah is an exciting blend of all the varietals we focus on. Each varietal contributes to the wine in a balanced way. Blue fruit, structure, spice and aromatics from the Syrah. Structure, power, color, and dark fruit from Petite Sirah. Ageability, leather, structure and black cherry from the Mourvèdre. Red berries and spices from the Grenache. Tropical fruit, body, and floral aromatics from the Viognier. Structure, honey, and citrus notes from the Grenache Blanc. Built as a wine to be enjoyed upon release but also extremely complex and age worthy.

Technical Information

Vineyard	Syrah from Tierra Alta, Verna's, Bien Nacido, Lerner, and Ampelos Vineyards. Petite Sirah, Mourvèdre, Grenache Blanc from Thompson Vineyard. Viognier and Grenache from Vogelzang Vineyard.
Clone	Various
Harvest	Various
Composition	80% Syrah, 7% Grenache, 4% Mourvèdre, 3% Petite Sirah, 3% Viognier, 3% Grenache Blanc.
Fermentation	Most of the red fruit was stemmed, not crushed. Intact whole berries fermented in small boxes for approx 14 days. Barreled as individual varietals. Blended after blending trials before bottling.
Barrel Aging	Aged for 10 months in neutral oak barrels. Reds barrel racked once in spring.
Cellar notes	Unfined and lightly filtered
Alcohol	14.3% by Vol.
Bottling Date	Sept 16, 2012
Production	1421 cases (12/750ml)