



2012 Syrah

Santa Barbara County

Tasting Notes

The 2012 Santa Barbara County Syrah combines fruit from five of the Syrah vineyards we work with. After blending trials, Petite Sirah, Mourvèdre, Grenache and a small amount of Viognier were added for structure, aromatics and complexity. More than a sum of its parts, it is dark and rich. Exhibiting cherry, wild berry and violet aromatics, this wine is full and fruitful in the mouth, with underlying espresso and pepper flavors. Sharing the same farming and winemaking techniques as our vineyard designated wines, this Syrah can be enjoyed upon release or cellared for several years.

Technical Information

Vineyard	Tierra Alta Vineyard, Ballard Canyon (SY) 32% Verna's Vineyard, Los Alamos Valley (SY) 26% Thompson Vineyard, Los Alamos Valley (PS, GR, MV) 18% Larner Vineyard, Ballard Canyon (SY) 16% Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley (SY, VIO) 6% Kimsey Vineyard, Ballard Canyon (SY) 2%
Harvest	Tierra Alta Vineyard: Oct 10, 24.4 brix, 3.85 pH Verna's Vineyard: Oct 9-Nov 8, 22.5- 24.0 brix, 3.40-3.70 pH Thompson Vineyard: Oct 29-Nov 8, 24.2-26.0 brix, 3.38-3.73 pH Larner Vineyard: Oct 19-Oct 22, 23.8-24.5 brix, 3.55 pH Bien Nacido Vineyard: Sept 24-Nov 8, 23.0-25.0 brix, 3.30-3.45 pH Kimsey Vineyard: Oct 11, 24.8 brix, 3.35pH
Composition	80% Syrah, 10% Petite Sirah, 4% Grenache, 3% Mourvèdre, 3% Viognier
Fermentation	Fruit was stemmed, not crushed. Intact whole berries fermented in small boxes for 14 days after a 48 hour cold soak.
Barrel Aging	Aged in older, neutral French and American oak barrels
Cellar notes	Unfined and lightly filtered
Alcohol	14.5 % by Vol.
Bottling Date	September 15, 2013
Production	1386 cases (12/750 ml), 99 cases (6/1.5 L), 378 cases (12/375 ml)