



2012 Syrah

Verna's Vineyard

Santa Barbara County

Wine Notes

The 2012 Verna's Vineyard Syrah relies heavily on the intense hillside plantings of clones Estrella and Davis Clone 1. Leaner and fruiter "flats" plantings of Clones 174 and 877 provide brightness and balance. This Syrah is powerful and complex. Fresh, blueberry, kirsch, coffee, and bramble aromatics. Intense dark berry flavors combine with tapenade and Provencal herbs on the palate. A smooth, lingering finish of fruit and spice. Whole cluster fermentation provides soft, yet substantial tannins along with complex spices.

Technical Information

Vineyard	Verna's Vineyard, Cat Canyon, Los Alamos, SB County AVA
Clone	Clone 1 (hillside), Estrella (hillside), 877 (valley floor), 174 (valley floor)
Harvest	Clone 1: October 9, 22.2 brix, 3.7 pH Estrella: October 9, 22.7 brix, 3.7 pH Clone 174: November 5, 23.5 brix, 3.43 pH Clone 877: November 8, 24 brix, 3.55 pH
Composition	97% Syrah. 3% Viognier (co-fermented). Selection of 11 barrels from 34 candidate barrels.
Fermentation	50% of the fruit was stemmed, not crushed. Intact whole berries fermented in small boxes for 14 days after a 48 hour cold soak. 50% of the fruit was foot-stomped and whole cluster fermented in small fermentation boxes for 14 days after a 48 hour cold soak.
Barrel Aging	18 months in 18% new French, 82% older French and American oak barrels.
Cellar notes	Unfined and lightly filtered
Alcohol	14.1% by Vol.
Bottling Date	April 27, 2014
Production	266 cases (12/750ml)