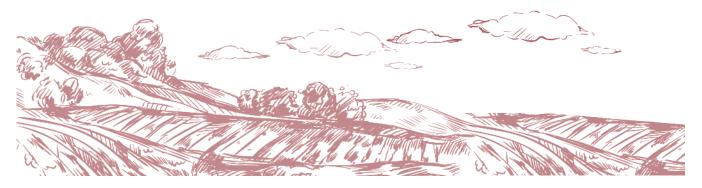
2017 SYRAH - SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2017 Santa Barbara County Syrah embodies SAMsARA's spicy/savory style while still retaining dark blue and black fruit flavors typical of Syrah. 75% whole-cluster fermentation adds texture, depth, and aromatic complexity.

Vineyard sources: Zotovich - 32%, Zaca Mesa - 20%, Donnachadh - 20%, Colson Canyon - 8%, JSV- 8%, Grenache (blend of Larner and Colson) - 12%

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Cases: 444

Appellation: Santa Barbara County

Varietal composition: 100% Syrah

Clonal selection: Clone 1, 470, Estrella

% Whole cluster: 75%

Soil at site: Sand, Sand/Loam, DE,

Limestone

Barrels | Aging: 100% neutral French oak | 22

months

Alcohol: 13.8

Brix: 22.7-25.2 pH at harvest: 3.36-3.56 Finished pH: 3.62 Finished TA: 6.3 g/L

Harvest date: 9/27/2017 - 10/12/2017

Bottling date: May 2019

Release date | Price: Spring 2020 | \$42.00

2017 VINTAGE

Winter rain between 2016 and 2017 was a welcome relief from the severe 5-year drought. The 2017 growing season was extremely moderate, the only exception being a pre-harvest heat spike and some tropical moisture, followed by more moderate weather through harvest's end. The wines retain very bright acidity, with full and ripe flavors.

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The wine region of Santa Barbara County is located north of the city of Santa Barbara and includes the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Maria Valley. A defining feature of the region that makes it ideal for grape growing are the transverse, (east-to-west running) mountain ranges that funnel the marine climate inland. The marine fog and wind have a moderating effect on the vines prolonging the growing season and providing a longer hang time for the fruit.

ACCOLADES

92 points, Wine Enthusiast "Very tarry aromas of asphalt, black pepper dust and charred wood give a savory wrapping to the underlying blackberry tone of this county blend. There's a tangy berry flavor to the palate, where peppery spices meet with wild thyme and green-herb flavors." Matt Kettmann, Aug 2020

92 points, Wine Advocate "The 2017 Syrah Santa Barbara County has a medium ruby-purple color and a nose of crushed black and blue berry fruits with touches of mint chocolate, olive and charcuterie. It's medium-bodied with Goldilocks ripeness and savory accents, finely framed and finishing long with bright pops of freshness. It's a lovely, understated style." Erin Brooks, Oct 2020