



WINEMAKER NOTES

This classic, cool-climate Syrah bursts with black pepper, menthol, spice, cured meat, green olive, and black currant aromatics. These elements are mirrored on the palate, with great balance, full mid-palate, vibrant red and blackberries, and integrated tannin, fruit, and acid.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	158
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Syrah
Clonal selection:	Clone 1
% Whole cluster:	100%
Soil at site:	Sand/DE/Limestone

Barrels | Aging: 100% neutral French oak | 20 months

Alcohol: 13.1

Brix: 22.8
pH at harvest: 3.25
Finished pH: 3.74
Finished TA: 6.5 g/L

Harvest date: 10/19/2018
Bottling date: July 2020
Release date: September 2021

2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage is the stuff dreams are made of. The most 'classic' Santa Barbara County vintage of the decade with a cool, long growing season. A very 'civilized' harvest with no dramatic heat events or adverse weather. We were finally out of the half-decade drought thanks to the heavy rainfall in 2017, and vineyards were healthy and happy. Yields were moderate with some sites being slightly below average. The slightly low yields combined with extra 'hang-time' in 2018 resulted in super balanced and physiologically ripe fruit.

ZOTOVICH VINEYARD

An optimal growing site for Syrah and other varieties, Zotovich Vineyard is comprised of 35 acres in the northern part of the Sta. Rita Hills between Buellton and Lompoc. The vineyard is made up of mostly diatomaceous earth and sandy loam soils that create intense, mineral-driven wines.

ACCOLADES

94 points - Wine Enthusiast

This classic, cool climate Syrah bursts with black pepper, menthol, spice, cured meat, green olive and black currant aromatics. These elements are mirrored on the palate, with great balance, full mid-palate, vibrant red and black berries and integrated tannin, fruit and acid. - Matt Kettmann

94 points - Wine Advocate

Made entirely with whole clusters and matured in neutral oak, the 2018 Syrah Zotovich Vineyard has a medium ruby-purple color and layered aromas of red and black cherries, cracked pepper, bacon fat, licorice, bitter chocolate and mint leaves. The medium-bodied palate is chalky and fresh, with loads of spicy accents defining the long finish. - Erin Brooks