



## WINEMAKER NOTES

*The 2020 Syrah - Carbonic from Rancho Boa Vista Vineyard is an electrically magenta, powerfully aromatic, mineral-driven wine that can be served cellar temperature or chilled on a hot day. On the nose there are notes of pepper, fresh, dark fruit and chaparral, on the palate a mouth-coating texture and light, fine-grained tannins support a very pure red fruit flavor of pomegranate that lingers with a long finish. This is a perfect summer grilling wine, and will compliment anything that comes off the barbecue.*

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	115
Appellation:	Santa Barbara County
Varietal composition:	100% Syrah
Clonal selection:	Estrella
% Whole cluster:	100%
Soil at site:	Loam/Chalk/Limestone
Barrels   Aging:	100% neutral French oak   5 months
Alcohol:	14
Brix:	20.5
pH at harvest:	3.76
Finished pH:	3.9
Finished TA:	4.8 g/L
Harvest date:	9/04/2020
Bottling date:	February 2021
Release date:	June 2021

## 2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a whirlwind harvest in a less-than-normal year. Fruit came in relatively early due to a warm summer, but fruit quality was incredibly high. With decent rainfall, vines were healthy and a warm spring helped usher in a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in late August. A bit of heat at the beginning of harvest kicked things off with a bang, but moderate temperatures throughout the fall kept Rhônes on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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

93 Points - Wine Enthusiast *Juicy and fruity aromas of boysenberry sorbet, refreshing lilac, lively lavender and a hint of bubblegum show on the nose of this carbonic bottling. The wine dances across the palate with açai and boysenberry flavors, as lavender gives delicate hints into the fresh finish.* - Matt Kettmann

91 points - The Wine Advocate, Erin Brooks *The 2020 Carbonic Syrah Rancho Boa Vista Vineyard has a medium ruby-purple color, with scents of candied red berries, powdered sugar, Earl Grey tea leaves and earth. The medium-bodied palate is bright and fresh with a gently chalky frame and uplifting citrusy accents.* - Erin Brooks