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Cases:	190
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   34 months
Alcohol:	14.1%
Finished pH:	3.51
Finished TA:	6.4 g/L

## 2013 VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage wines stand out as one of SB County's most age-worthy vintages. 2013 was the second dry year in a row (and the draught continued until 2017). Low yields gave extra structure and concentration to the fruit, making for powerful young wines that would benefit from time in the cellar. It was a warm growing season all year long, which finally cooled off during the final weeks of harvest, providing long hangtime with a little extra kiss of sunshine. The 2013 wines are dark, complex, and wonderfully balanced.

## 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

93 points - Antonio Galloni, *Vinous* *The 2013 Syrah Zotovich Vineyard is a very pretty wine. Lifted and gracious, because of the sandy soils here, the Zotovich nevertheless offers striking fruit density and voluptuousness. Black cherry, plum, menthol, lavender and sweet spices flow through to the creamy finish. This is the most overt and fruit-driven of the SAMsARA single-vineyard Syrahs. Nothing sticks out. Instead, it is the wine's overall balance that is convincing.* - Antonio Galloni

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