



WINEMAKER NOTES

Dark berries, dark chocolate or coco powder aromatics with cinnamon & nutmeg notes. This Syrah is powerful and complex, saturating on palate. Its bright finish keeps the wine 'light on its feet.' Not heavy or over-extracted, but with dense flavors and aromatics. Supple texture and gentle tannins give this wine length and a long, lengthy finish.

WINEMAKING

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| Cases: | 94 |
| Appellation: | Santa Barbara County |
| Varietal composition: | 100% Syrah |
| Clonal selection: | 877 |
| % Whole cluster: | 75% |
| Soil at site: | Sand/Loam |
| Barrels Aging: | 100% neutral French oak 18 months |
| Alcohol: | 14.6 |
| Brix: | 25.5 |
| pH at harvest: | 3.45 |
| Finished pH: | 3.59 |
| Finished TA: | 5.1 g/L |
| Harvest date: | 9/28/2017 |
| Bottling date: | March 2019 |
| Release date: | February 2020 |

2017 VINTAGE

Drought conditions began to lessen. We received our first significant rainfall since 2011/2012 in the winter between 2016 and 2017. Not nearly enough to get out of the drought, but enough to provide relief to our seriously stressed vines. We experienced another warm spring and summer, but not as extreme as 2013-2016. Despite the challenging conditions, the fruit was in good condition at harvest.

COLSON CANYON VINEYARD

We added Colson Canyon to our lineup in 2017. Owner Joey Tensley was gracious enough to allow us to work with some of his fruit. We get both grenache and syrah out of this vineyard located east of Santa Maria. Despite being a bit inland, it is still a really cool site, getting especially cold at night but it's a little warmer during the day. Hands down it's the most remote vineyard we've worked with in Santa Barbara County because it's WAY out. You go down Tepusquet Canyon and then go down Colson Canyon. The last couple miles are all on dirt roads. It's one of those vineyards where you got to take a left at the horse and you always think you're lost on the way there.