



WINEMAKER NOTES

Colson Canyon Vineyard: Pure lifted, red fruit aromatics, cherry-vanilla Dr. Pepper, with a dense mid-palate, and well-integrated, grippy tannins and persistent fruit flavors from start to finish.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	75
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 21 months
Alcohol:	14.7
Brix:	25
pH at harvest:	3.33
Finished pH:	3.68
Finished TA:	5.9 g/L
Harvest date:	10/16/2018
Bottling date:	August 2020
Release date:	April 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.

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.

ACCOLADES

96 Points - The Wine Advocate *The 2018 Syrah Colson Canyon Vineyard is a gorgeous varietal Syrah made with 75% whole clusters. Medium ruby-purple, it has pure scents of red and black cherries, milk chocolate, lilac, bacon fat and laurel leaves. The full-bodied palate is plush and fragrant, offering plenty of lift for its intense, savory fruits and finishing with notable length. It deserves another 3-5 years in bottle and should be long-lived in the cellar.* -Erin Brooks

94 points - Vinous *The 2018 Syrah Colson Canyon Vineyard is a heady, effusive wine. Blue purplish fruit, lavender and spice infuse this ample, deep Syrah with tons of character. Clean mineral notes add shape, while also extending the finish brilliantly. A powerful, deep, incisive wine. The Colson Canyon is wild in its flavor profile and tannic structure, and so compelling.* -Antonio Galloni