



WINEMAKER NOTES

Savory and spicy aromatics, balanced, vibrant mouthfeel, well-integrated but substantial tannins giving this wine great aging potential. Clean, bright, pure finish.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	50
Appellation:	Sta. Rita hills
Varietal composition:	100% Syrah
Clonal selection:	470
% Whole cluster:	75%
Soil at site:	Sand/Loam
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 21 months
Alcohol:	14.8
Brix:	25
pH at harvest:	3.4
Finished pH:	3.79
Finished TA:	6.1 g/L
Harvest date:	10/29/2018
Bottling date:	August 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.

JOHN SEBASTIANO VINEYARD

John Sebastiano Vineyard is a picturesque site, planted to steep hillsides and rolling hills on the eastern end of Sta. Rita Hills. Both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir thrive in this sandy, windy site, and the cool-climate Syrah we produce here just barely achieves ripeness and is always the final pick of the vintage. The elevation and exposed hillsides of the vineyard lead to low-yields and fruit with balance, depth, and complexity.

ACCOLADES

not yet rated