



### WINEMAKER NOTES

A classic example of cool climate Syrah grown in California. The nose hits with florals: violet and lavender, and notes of cracked pepper, woody herbs: rosemary, sage and thyme. Dark fruits like black currants, black plums and blueberries complement the complexity and richness of this wine and contribute to a dense midpalate and lasting finish.

### WINEMAKING

Cases:	171
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Syrah
Clonal selection:	Clone 1
% Whole cluster:	60%
Soil at site:	Sand/DE/Limestone
Barrels   Aging:	100% neutral French oak   22 months
Alcohol:	13.5
Brix:	23.8
pH at harvest:	3.47
Finished pH:	3.72
Finished TA:	7.0 g/L
Harvest date:	10/09/2020
Bottling date:	August 2022
Release date:	September 2023

### 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 Rhones on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

### 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

94 points - Wine & Spirits *Exotic right out of the gate, charred meat, carob and creosote scents tell you you're in for a savory display. The flavors are dark and muddled, deep olive and blackberry that meld seamlessly together, with melted chocolate tannins overlaying mulled berry sweetness. Despite its depth, it has splendid energy and impressive length; ready to drink now, or cellar. -P.J.C.*

92 points - Cellar Selection, Wine Enthusiast *This is a firmly textured wine, built to last but ready to pop today. Intense aromas of fresh, dark fruit and subtle spices lead into a palate of baked berry and mace flavors. Expect the light elements to grow more intense with age. Drink now-2032. -Matt Kettmann*