



WINEMAKER NOTES

Extremely fresh. Orange berries??? Do those exist? If orange berries are out there, they taste like this wine smells. Big/fresh/clean aromatics and flavors of tangerine, strawberries, orange sherbet, bright red fruits. And a 'watermelon jollyrancher' thing (without the sweetness). Bright, crisp, food friendly, mineral driven with good texture.

WINEMAKING

Cases: 183
 Appellation: Santa Barbara County
 Varietal composition: 55% Mourvèdre, 45% Grenache
 Vineyard selection: 100% Portico Hills Vineyard
 Clonal selection: 362 + 369

Soil at site: Sand/loam

Barrels | Aging: Fermented and aged in stainless steel | 4 months

Alcohol: 12.40%

Brix at harvest: 20.2-21.4
 pH at harvest: 3.32-3.59
 Finished pH: 3.51
 Finished TA: 5.5 g/L

Harvest date: 09/14/2022-10/27/2022
 Bottling date: February 2023
 Release date: Spring 2023

2022 VINTAGE

2022 started off with a slightly later bud-break, and moderate weather through the spring and summer. Low yields across the board with all varietals and vineyards made the Labor-Day heat wave extra impactful and forced us to move quickly into harvest mode. Once the early ripening varietals were picked, the classic SB long growing season returned, and the final Rhone varietal grapes weren't harvested until late October. The 2022 wines retain their freshness and balance, with great flavor concentration and depth, and an extra kiss of sunshine.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The wine region of Santa Barbara County is located north of the city of Santa Barbara and includes the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Maria Valley. A defining feature of the region that makes it ideal for grape growing are the transverse, (east-to-west running) mountain ranges that funnel the marine climate inland. The marine fog and wind have a moderating effect on the vines prolonging the growing season and providing a longer hang time for the fruit.

ACCOLADES

92 points - Wine Enthusiast *Earthy aromas of crushed rock and light wool decorate the pluot-flesh core on the nose of this blend of 55% Mourvèdre and 45% Grenache. The crisp pluot and Rainier cherry flavors of the palate are balanced by wet stone and damp clay minerality.* - Matt Kettmann