



WINEMAKER NOTES

Distinct and site-driven, this Syrah weaves together black currant, cocoa nib, and a mix of green peppercorn and roasted peppers. Notes of black olive tapenade and cured meats—think finocchiona—highlight its savory, umami core. A saline minerality adds definition and focus.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	87
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Syrah
Clonal selection:	Clone 1
% Whole cluster:	90%
Soil at site:	Sand/DE/Limestone
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 22 months
Alcohol:	12.7
Brix:	22.2
pH at harvest:	3.39
Finished pH:	3.71
Finished TA:	6.4 g/L
Harvest date:	10/6/22
Bottling date:	7/19/2024
Release date:	Winter 2025

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.

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 - Vinous *The 2022 Syrah Zotovich Vineyard is powerfully aromatic and savory in feel, stepping confidently with a broad, weighted array of meaty, irony, musky purple fruit and exotic spices. It leans all the way into its rustic, feral feel, soaking into the palate with weightless concentration.* - **Antonio Galloni**

92 points - Jeb Dunnuck *From a site on the southern end of the appellation, the 2022 Syrah Zotovich Vineyard is deep purple-hued with darker berries, bacon fat, butcher shop, pepper, and violet-like aromatics. Fermented with 90% whole clusters and aged 22 months in 100% neutral French oak, it's medium-bodied, beautifully balanced, and elegant. It's just a touch fleeting and short, but shines for its complexity and sheer drinkability. Give bottles a year and drink through 2033.* Drink 2026-2033. - **Jeb Dunnuck**