



## WINEMAKER NOTES

*A layered blend led by the fruit of the Grenache, this wine opens with ripe red fruit and subtle herbaceous dill. Mid-weight but intensely flavored, it transitions from the bright fruit of Grenache to the savory depth of Syrah and Mourvèdre. A hint of saline minerality adds lift to the finish.*

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	340
Appellation:	Santa Barbara County
Varietal composition:	57% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 8% Mourvèdre
Vineyard selection:	30% Spear Grenache, 27% John Sebastiano Grenache, 12% Spear Syrah, 11% Kimsey Syrah, 6% Zotovich Syrah, 6% John Sebastiano Syrah, 8% Kimsey Mourvèdre
Clonal selection:	(SY) Estrella, 470, Alban, 1, (GR) 362, Alban, (MV) ENZ
% Whole cluster:	85%
Soil at site:	Loam/Chalk/Limestone/Sand/DE
Barrels   Aging:	100% neutral French oak
Alcohol:	13.3
Brix:	21.2 - 25.3
pH at harvest:	3.30-3.72
Finished pH:	3.88
Finished TA:	5.9 g/L
Harvest date:	9/28-10/27/2022
Bottling date:	7/19/2024
Release date:	

## 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

*91 points - Vinous The 2022 Grenache/Syrah/Mourvèdre is floral and elegant. It's another finessed, weightless wine that delivers attractive resonance and softness in a very approachable frame. It cruises across the palate with ease. Rosewater, raspberry and citrus overtones hang around on the gentle close. - Billy Norris*