



2003 Estate Syrah – *Donna's* *Small Lot Collection*

367 cases produced, \$36/bottle

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production

A new addition to our small lot collection of wines, the Donna's syrah is 100% Lompoc estate fruit from a 5.8 acre section planted to two clones: Estrella and Clone 1 Shiraz, on three different low-vigor rootstocks.

Yields were slight at 2.2 lbs per plant and was harvested over a ten day period. 60% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed, with 40% remaining whole-cluster, and fermented in small 1.5 ton open-top fermenters. Total skin contact averaged 30 days (7 day cold soak, 2+ weeks fermentation and 1+ week extended maceration). From the press, the wine is hand-bucketed two gallons at a time directly to French oak barrels, where it remained sur lie with no sulfur until the waning moon cycle of July. 15.9% alcohol.

tasting notes

Distinctly reminiscent aromatically of a cold-climate wine with wild blackberry, boysenberry and fresh herb qualities, purple flowers and black cracked peppers. Bacon fat nuances also intermingle with an earthy, black licorice and white floral component. Texturally, the palate continues with these similar motifs giving the wine great depth, complexity and a glycerin-like, satiny finish.

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