



2012 Estate Syrah - *High Density*
Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills

Located immediately northwest of the tasting room and planted at a density of 4' x 3', the vines in the High Density Syrah block endure naturally stressed conditions where the competition for nutrients, water and sun are intensified. This one-third acre section is a collection of eight Syrah clones and is the only Syrah bottling where all clonal material is entirely co-fermented. 100% of the clusters were de-stemmed with total skin contact averaging 30 days. From the press the juice was transferred directly into neutral barrel where it remained sur lie without sulfur until May, when it was gently pressure racked for the first time and then prepared for bottling in December.

Tasting Notes: Pretty garnet red in color, with warm and vivid aromatics of toasted sesame, green peppercorn, toffee and all spice emerging initially. On the palate, notes of salted caramel, nori and juniper mingle with nuances of boysenberry, brown butter and mortadella. The wine is delicate and silky in texture, finishing with excellent precision and focus.

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
100% Syrah
Cases Produced: 103
Clones: Estrella, Clone 1
Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (10-20 year old French oak)
Alcohol: 14.5%