



1999 Estate Syrah – *Santa Ynez Valley*

22 cases produced, \$25/bottle

Release Date: 03.21.01

production

Just shy of ½ ton of fruit was yielded from our clone 1 block of syrah in this inaugural release. Upon a four week cuvaison period in fermenter with approximately 30% whole clusters, the wine was basket pressed and then hand-bucketed to a single barrel. The wine was bottled by gravity in late Summer 2000 with no fining, filtering or pumping. 14.2% alcohol.

tasting notes

Initial explosive aromatics of tar, spice and black licorice are followed by an array of blackberry and currant notes. On the palate, those fruit components play the primary role, with an underlying spicy edge offering an intriguing savage dimension. Structurally, the wine's intensity is fettered by its sensual texture, giving way to tremendous velvety length in the mouth.

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