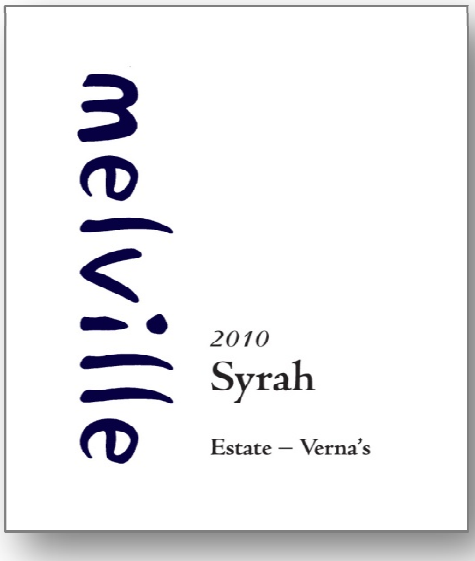

2010 Melville Estate Syrah - *Verna's*

This is 100% Melville estate fruit from our ranch in Los Alamos and is named in honor of Ron Melville's mother. Verna's vineyard is composed of seven different clones: (Estrella, Shiraz 1, Tablas 99, 174, 383, 470 and 877). 40% of the grapes were fermented as whole-cluster and 60% de-stemmed in small 1.5 ton open-top fermenters. Total skin and stem contact averaged 30 days (a 7 day cold soak, 2+ weeks fermentation and 1+ week extended maceration). From the press, the wine was transferred directly into neutral (old French oak) where it remained sur lie without sulphur until May, when it was racked for the first time and prepared for bottling in August. Yields were 3.1 lbs/vine (2.7 tons/acre).

Robert Parker: 90 Points
Stephen Tanzer: 91 Points
Wine Enthusiast: 93 Points

Tasting Notes: *Brimming with nuances of dark plum, wild strawberry and dried fig that merge with an intriguing collection of wild flowers, hoisin, malt, dried meat and lavender. The mouthfeel skillfully weaves this diversity together allowing the wine to remain both fresh, grippy and savory.*

100% Syrah
Clones: Estrella, Shiraz 1, Tablas 99, 174, 383, 470 and 877
40% whole cluster fermented
Neutral barrel (5+ year old French oak barrels)
Alcohol 14.0%
Cases Produced: 2,487
Released: August 11, 2011

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