

# 2005 SYRAH, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**VINEYARD SOURCES:** TIERRA ALTA AND CUATRO VIENTOS IN THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**BLEND COMPOSITION:** 100% SYRAH FROM THE 2005 VINTAGE.

**CLONES:** ESTRELLA RIVER AND 99 (BEAUCASTEL CLONE)

## **WINEMAKING NOTES:**

THE 2005 SYRAH IS COMPOSED FROM TWO DIFFERENT CLONES OF SYRAH GRAPES HARVESTED FROM TWO SEPARATE VINEYARDS IN THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY - ESTRELLA RIVER CLONE FROM TIERRA ALTA VINEYARD IN THE BALLARD CANYON AND CLONE 99 FROM CUATRO VIENTOS VINEYARD IN LOS OLIVOS. THE GRAPES WERE DESTEMMED WITHOUT CRUSHING, COLD SOAKED FOR SEVERAL DAYS THEN FERMENTED IN 1.5 TON OPEN-TOP FERMENTERS. AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FERMENTATION, THE WINES WERE RACKED DIRECTLY TO SMALL OAK BARRELS (30% NEW) WHERE THEY AGED APPROXIMATELY 15 MONTHS WITH MINIMAL HANDLING. THE WINE WAS BOTTLED WITHOUT FINING OR FILTRATION.

## **TASTING NOTES:**

THE NOSE FEATURES CLASSIC COOL CLIMATE SYRAH AROMAS OF BLACKBERRY, BLUEBERRY, AND DARK CHOCOLATE WITH HINTS OF BACON. THE WINE IS WELL BALANCED IN THE MOUTH WITH A LUSH, ALMOST CREAMY TEXTURE. FLAVORS ECHO THE NOSE AND BUILD TO INCLUDE RASPBERRY AND A SUBTLE DUSTY LEATHER COMPONENT WHICH LEADS TO A CONCENTRATED FRUIT DRIVEN FINISH.

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

CASES PRODUCED: 300