



2014 SYRAH /GRENACHE

JOHN SEBASTIANO
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

220 CASES PRODUCED

What an amazing aroma this wine possesses! It's full of peppery spice and crushed raspberries and it's alive and exciting. The flavors are as compelling, showing off a concentrated fruitiness balanced by peppery tartness and the most beguiling silky texture.

The experiment began in 2011, and again the past couple of years, continues with this offering of 2014 Syrah 50% Grenache 50% from the new John Sebastiano Vineyard located on the eastern edge of the cool Santa Rita Hills appellation of Santa Barbara County.

We use sulfites in our wines sparingly. It's traditionally added to avoid having wine turn into vinegar and in small quantities sulfites seem to preserve perfume and freshness, while larger amounts make wines more brittle, hard and rubbery. We were intrigued by a delicious sulfite free wine that a former employee (Sashi Moorman) made, and thought it would be a fun challenge to try making one ourselves.

BLEND 50% Syrah & 50% Grenache
VINEYARDS John Sebastiano
AVA Santa Ynez Valley
ALCOHOL 13.5%
VINIFICATION 100% Neutral French Oak
BARREL AGING 10 Months
TOTAL PRODUCTION 220 Cases

PRESS REVIEWS

Antonio Galloni's Vinous

"The 2014 Syrah-Grenache John Sebastiano Vineyard (No SO2) is another total knock-out. A rush of dark red and purplish fruit, tobacco, menthol, licorice and sage hit the palate first. Vertical and deep on the palate, the 2014 is going to need at least a few years to unwind. Given the no SO2 approach, it's hard to say how the Syrah-Grenache might age beyond the near and medium term, but it is super-impressive today. The wine's density and overall complexity are incredibly alluring, even at this early stage." - AG 95 Points

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